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Columbus, Ohio. February 21st.- State Chairman Edwin Jones of Jackson, Ohio endorsed Governor Willis in the following language at Langfield Thursday night:

Our state is one of the foremost in the Union along commercial and industrial lines. We have also produced some of the greatest statesmen of our Nation. We gave to our Country in the United States Senate such men as Corwin, Chase, Sherman, Foraker, Fairbanks and Burton. Representing us in the Senate today we have one of the big men of our Nation, he is a student, a deep thinker, and a man that will render a great service to both State and Nation. At the next November election we will elect another to represent us in that body. There are four candidates seeking the nomination for the high office, either of which will ably represent us, and we will protect the peace, honor and integrity of our Nation.

For the presidency we gave among them, Harrison, Hays, Garfield, McKinley and Taft, and we look forward to another favorite son for the nomination and election for the presidency, that scholarly Statesman and intellectual giant, Theodore E. Burton.

We will have as our standard bearer in the next campaign in our state, a man who has proven himself to be a man of courage, and deep convictions, a man of high ideals, and pure patriotism, and a man that never fails or falters in the discharge of his duties. He has been maligned, abused, misrepresented and misquoted by a hostile press. He has been compelled to surmount many difficulties and obstacles in the discharge of his duties, but he is giving our State a business, economical administration, all of which is plainly in evidence at this time, and it is comforting to know that in our state we have an intelligent citizenship, men who read, think for themselves, investigate, and men who believe in fair play, and at the next fall election a mighty host will rally to the flag of Republicanism, and we will re-elect Frank B. Willis as Governor and win a triumphant victory in both State and Nation.

#### DISTRIBUTION OF WOOSTER THEATERS BY DYNAMITE IS CLEARED UP BY STATE FIRE MARSHALL BUCKLEY.

The author of the dynamite explosions which wrecked two theaters in Wooster has been discovered by assistant fire marshals, although their duties apply to fires, rather than explosions.

On December 17th last an explosion blew out the rear of the Wallace Theater and at the same time the booth at its entrance was disabled by the exploding of dynamite.

Soon afterwards an explosion disabled the moving picture machine in the Lyris Theater and on February 12th, 1916 at 3:20 A. M. the player orchestra in the Wallace Theater and the whole front part of the building were blown out and eleven (11) sticks of unexploded dynamite were found near the box office, the fuse to which has been destroyed by the explosions.

Fire Marshall Buckley, being notified, instantly started Mr. W. S. Carlisle, H. W. Murphy and Mr. Chas. Miller to the scene.

While searching for the motive for these acts of destruction they learned that Mr. John B. McCormick has bought a half interest in the Alhambra Moving Picture Theater with \$4100.00 he had received as insurance on a store, which was burned in Fredericksburg, and that the Theater in which the explosions occurred, being new, had taken business from his house so that the loss on it had amounted to \$800.00 during the last year.

The fire marshalls found by the unexploded dynamite a strip of brown paper upon which was an Adams Express Co., paste, from which the name of the consignee had been erased, but "Chicago, Jan 31st," remained, and they found a hole from which an express company sticker had been partly torn. From the Chicago office at the express company they learned that the only package shipped to that point that date had been to John B. McCormick.

While the fire marshalls were cross-examining McCormick, Prosecuting Attorney G. A. Starn and officer Smith found in McCormick's bed room a piece of brown paper which fitted exactly the hole in that left near the dynamite. Thereupon McCormick was arrested and last night he confessed to Prosecutor Starn and Chief of Police Liner he was guilty of blowing up both theaters.



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### WILL HE FALL THROUGH IT?

In his letter to Secretary State Hildebrandt, in which he formally, legally becomes a candidate for a second term, President Wilson makes another hole in the platform upon which he stands. It is fitting at this time to recall his party pledge, which reads;

"We favor a single Presidential term, and to that end urge the adoption of an amendment to the constitution making the President of the United States ineligible for reelection, and we pledge the candidate of this convention to this principle."

It is fitting, too, that this violated promise now be forgotten for it is wrong for one to keep a pledge one ought not to have made.

The great party which demanded in 1912 that he should not stand for a reelection now demands that he shall and it is Mr. Wilson's duty to obey its present wish. Aside from this, ethical reasons control a man of his fine quality of honor and bar him from forcing some other Democrat to run for the office upon the record and he has made. No other Democratic leader has evinced a desire to run in his stead - not even Bryan.

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Democratic national leaders now admit the Continental army plan untenable. Governor Willis was the first prominent leader in the country to attack this plan and to outline a plan for the utilization of the national guard instead. Now, after several months, Congress is seriously considering the national guard plan.

Just pause to think a moment. When you read in Wolfe papers in Columbus of alleged offers of a cabinet position to former Governor Cox, do you ever see such stories in other leading papers? of course, you don't. They are not written in Washington.

Doesn't it sound funny to hear the Democratic party talking about and planning to enact a law providing for a "tariff Commission" to investigate and report from time to time what schedule should be adopted? Isn't it amusing to hear that party which for forty years declared in its platforms that a protective tariff was "unconstitutional and void", that the manufacturers protected by it were "robber barons"; that this was an "agricultural and not a manufacturing country," that the tariff laws were iniquitous; isn't it hilariously laughable to hear it prating about a Commission to arrange the tariff schedules? Oh, no, the tariff will be revised by its friends and not by its enemies.

General Sherwood, the ablest Democratic member of congress from Ohio, excuses the President for favoring a national army and then changing his mind about it, on the grounds that when he assented to the scheme advocated by Secretary Garrison, he gave it only "Passing consideration," he being then engaged in "courting a very delightful widow;" but when he had time to look into it, he repudiated it. A most flimsy excuse. No one objected to him courting the fascinating widow; but he should have done it between times - nights and mornings and sundays - so as not to let it interfere with the serious business of the country. The ruler of a great nation "should be made of sterner stuff"

With a registration of 2892 for "Farmers' Week" at Ohio State University, the statement made by the press unfriendly to the present State administration that it was hurting Ohio State University, is proven to be an other imaginary piece of publicity. There were more farmers in attendance than ever before.

There is not the least friction between any of the officials of the present state administration and each is doing his share to carry out the program of economy and efficiency.

In the face of opposition, the Willis administration has strengthened the Workmens' Compensation law and it is being carried out to the benefit of the workers.



WHAT HAS WILLIS DONE?

During a year in office Governor Willis has

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Turned back to the people the taxing power;

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Paid millions in unauthorized debts created by Governor Cox;

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Cut \$23,000 from the State's rent roll;

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Taken from the Governor the powers of a dictator which Cox secured from his legislature;

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Given business a rest from legislation;

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Cut salaries in the Tax Commission \$7,800

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Abolished useless jobs;

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Established a merit Civil Service system;

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Sustained the one percent tax limit which Cox burst;

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Paid \$165,933.29 on Cox's debts for roads;

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Excused officials of the Public Utilities Commission whose salaries footed \$12,400.00;

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Abolished nine jobs in Public Works, saving \$8,640.00, although the receipts were almost doubled;

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Saved salaries of 17 unnecessary officials in the department of banks whose salaries aggregated \$34,500.00;

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Increased the tax duplicate more than 140 millions at \$100,000.00 less cost to the counties than the assessments cost under Cox;

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Curbed extravagant expenditures;

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Carried out campaign and platform pledges.

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Eliminated "by consent of the governor" in many laws;

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Saved \$55,354.49 salaries on the Columbus office of the Highway Commissioner;

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Increased work of the public Utilities Commission one-fourth while reducing the cost \$30,390.00

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Lessened cost of censoring moving pictures although # 3,000 more films were viewed;

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Reduced salaries: Civil Service Commission \$12,000; State Library \$5,520; Insurance Department \$2,700;

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Enacted a Loan Shark law which protects the more than 100,000 poor and hard-pressed people from paying excessive interest on \$500,000.00 borrowed on chattel mortgage -by passing a bill of Senator Lloyd, who in the public prints charged Governor Cox with defeating it after promising it support in the legislature of two years ago;

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Codified the road laws in the Cass bill, which Highway Commissioner Cowen, after working under it, says:

"Anarchy in road laws ended when the legislature of 1915 put the Cass Act on the Statute books of the Commonwealth".

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Governor Willis, has been working for the tax payers and not the tax spenders of Ohio.



Columbus, Ohio, February 23-- A plain, simple statement in the formal annual report of the Tax Commission of Ohio, filed with the Governor Monday, put to rest forever the claim of former Governor Cox that under his administration local levies over the state were reduced. The figures, from which there is no escape, show that in 1914, the year of the former Governor's strenuous assertions,-- the aggregate increase of county, municipal, school and other local levies over the preceeding year, was over nine million dollars, the largest increase in any single year of the state's history.

The report also sets at rest another fallacy of the former administration, by showing that the reduced rate for 1914 made by Cox in a special session, is to be compared with only one year --1913, the first year of the Cox administration, when the rate was jumped, the increase being permitted to stand for only one year. The figures of the Tax Commission report show that, with the exception of 1913, the total state levy has varied very little in a decade, and that in 1915 it is \$27,00 less than it was in 1913. The state rate plays a very insignificant part in the aggregate levies in the state, according to the report submitted to-day.

The report calls attention particularly to the rapid increase in aggregate taxation in Ohio in the past five years, an increase of thirty-three percent. "In 1910, all the levies totalled \$75,559,696.59, while in 1915 they total \$100,11,764.15, an increase in five years of \$24,552,067.56", says the report, which proceeds to point out that, the aggregate state levy being less in 1915 than in 1910, the increase is due to local levies entirely. By years the increases are given as follows; 1912 over 1911, \$4,697,121.87; 1913 over 1912, \$6,887,322.80; 1914 over 1913, \$9,087,822.88; 1915 over 1914 \$7,068,346.04.

The report points out the following items as the significant factors in the increase shown;

	INCREASE 1915 over 1910.	PERCENT OF 1910 TOTAL.
SCHOOLS	\$8,060,895.07	35
COUNTY DEBTS	2,476,176.39	123
COUNTY ROADS	1,280,366.99	66
CITIES & VILLAGES	5,979,724.61	30
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS	4,900,853.97	42
TOWNSHIPS	1,828,070.59	42
	<u>\$24,526,087.62</u>	

The increase in the "county fund", that from which salaries and general county expenses are paid, is shown to be \$1,427,715.51 in the five year period. Had Governor Cox reduced levies for salaries as he asserted, this fund would have reflected it. But, on the contrary, it shows an increase of \$422,835.32 over 1913, or almost \$5,000 per county. As a comparison, it is shown that 1915 has an increase of only \$49,503.64 over 1914, or only \$600 per county. Election and increased court expenses are said to account for much of this increase for general county purposes in the five year period.

Schools, roads and debts are shown by the report to be almost entirely responsible for the increased local levies in 76 of the 88 counties of the state. 57 counties have made larger levies for roads and 80 larger levies for common schools, while 48 have been compelled to make larger levies for the payment of their debts. These three items alone account for an increase in the aggregate tax levy of \$5,411,124.62. Special assessments (that is street paving, sewerage, etc., assessed against the abutting property) required \$839,874.63 more in 1915 than in 1914, and the remaining increases are almost entirely accounted for by the following items;

PUBLIC BUILDINGS	\$132,931.75
CHILDRENS HOMES	105,759.80
MOTHERS PENSIONS	81,199.92
TUBERCULOSIS SANITARIUM	132,525.13
ELECTION EXPENSES	125,758.52
POOR FUND	62,582.09

It is generally considered here that the figures submitted by the Tax Commission refute entirely the claims of former Governor Cox that his administration secured reduced levies over the state. The nine million dollar increase in his year does not look good to those who were disposed to believe the statements of the former Governor.



shall we stand defenseless in a world at war?

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This Democratic prosperity has explosive qualities,

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The Wilson newspapers are attacking Bryan.

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Our President is suffering from Chronic crisis.

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A President may change his mind, and, a country may change its president, -- Joseph H. Choate,

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The Democratic "slackers" in congress learned from the president's recent trip that the people would support the Republican leaders in their plans for acquiring "preparedness."

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Under Wilson it is believed to be safe to kill a citizen of the United States anywhere in the world -- even in Texas, and this belief finds ample foundation in the history of the Wilson administration.

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What eminent and wise Democrat will want to draw the platform declaration referring to Mexico, in their National convention next June? The attorney for the defense who formulates it will need to be brilliant, forceful and adroit.

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American pride, and American feeling of security, too, are stimulated by the statement of Mr. Schwab to the member of the Aldine Club, that his steel plant at Bethlehem is fifty per cent. greater than the Krupp's in Germany.

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Clear across the top of the front page of the Pittsburg Gazette Times is a line which reads: "County Tax Increased 44% in City; 38% Outside."

This suggests that Ohio cities are not the only ones in which demand of the public for conveniences has forced municipal governments to increase taxation or borrow money.

#### INTENTIONS ARE NOT ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

When we complain that the president's foreign policy has been so feeble and vacillating that no nation respects an American's rights, we are told that "Mr. Wilson is actuated by the highest motives."

When we say that his "watchful waiting" on Mexico has resulted in the wrecking of a great country and miseries undecipherable to American residents therein, we are assured that the president "is inspired by the highest motives" - and this may cause us to recall the old, old statement in regard to hell's pavement.



GOVERNOR WILLIS TODAY SENT THE FOLLOWING  
LETTER TO THE STATE LIQUOR LICENSING BOARD.

State Liquor Licensing Board,  
Hartman Building,  
Columbus, Ohio.

Gentlemen:-

I note from reports coming to this office that your Board, through its Inspection Department, is making vigorous efforts for the enforcement of law, not only with reference to licensed dealers but also against clandestine selling of intoxicating liquor, both in wet and dry territory in the state.

This policy of law enforcement is commendable, and it is my earnest request that it continue with increased zeal and effectiveness, and that Sunday violations, selling to minors and to persons in the habit of becoming intoxicated, gambling in connection with saloons and wine rooms, and selling in houses of ill repute may be effectively prevented in accordance with law.

If any law enforcing officer of the state does not assist, but in fact retard this program for more efficient law enforcement he should be brought to realization of his duty and responsibility under the law.

I suggest that you notify all local licensing boards that it is their duty under the law not only to pass upon applications for licenses, but to assist your inspection department in every manner possible for a better enforcement of the law in their respective communities.

I further call your attention to Section 19 of the License Law; "License shall not be granted to any applicant who is in any way interested in the business conducted at any other place where intoxicating liquors are sold or kept for sale as a beverage, nor shall such license be granted unless the applicant or applicants are the only persons in any way pecuniarily interested in the business for which the license is sought, no other person shall be in any way interested therein during the continuance of the license; if such interest of such person shall appear, the license shall be deemed revoked."

I ask you to instruct your local boards and inspection department to determine so far as they may be able to do so whether or not this section of the law is being observed.

It is my further desire that licensed dealers throughout the state shall be given to understand that the retention of their license does not depend upon political pull, or upon campaign contributions, but instead depend upon their strict observance of the law, and it is my request that they be notified that they are not required under the license law to make campaign contributions to any political party. It was claimed for the license law that it would take the liquor traffic out of politics; in my judgement, one of the most effective ways to do this is to have licensed dealers understand that they shall not be required to make campaign contributions to any individual, association or political party in order to retain their licenses and that such retention of licenses by them depends on their own conduct and their strict obedience to the law.

Congratulating you on your vigorous efforts for law enforcement, I am,

Yours very truly,  
(Signed) Frank B. Willis,  
Governor of Ohio.



# STATEMENT OF STATE CHAIRMAN.

"Reports reaching Republican headquarters from practically every section of Ohio indicate a sweeping victory at the next November election. The administration of efficiency and economy in the conducting of the affairs of the state is meeting with the hearty endorsement of the people. They are in accord with its program of tax saving instead of tax spending. Governor Willis has made good the party platform pledges in the face of the most bitter opposition. There has been a ruthless campaign of vilification and misrepresentation against him, by unfriendly individuals and an unfriendly press, ever since his administration began; but he has shown that in the discharge of his duties, that he is fearless in behalf of the interest of the people.

"No governor in the last quarters of a century has had more difficulties and obstacles or more unfriendliness than he, but he will be re-elected by a sweeping majority by a people who believe in fair play, efficiency and economy."

"As to whether the Governor should be one of the delegates at large to the Republican National Convention, there should be no question. There has been a precedent established at the birth of the party, that the Governor should be so honored.

"He should have no opposition to his election and will receive an unqualified endorsement of the voters who believe in fair play. No disturbance of a precedent established for so many years, will be permitted by the Republican voters of this state."

(Signed) Edwin Jones,

Chairman Republican State Executive Committee.

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## BLUE SHY LAW IN CORONOR'S HANDS.

Provision has been made for a post mortem examination of that fine piece of Cox "Constructive legislation" called the "blue shy law" - a legal autopsy.

Says the Cincinnati Enquirer:

"Arrangements were completed to-day by Attorney - General Edward C. Turner and Auditor of State A. V. Donahey for the filing of a suit in mandamus to test the blue shy law before the Ohio Supreme Court. This suit is brought to test the question whether any vitality remains in the Ohio law after the Federal Court decision."

## SAME OLD PORK BARREL.

The river and harbor pork barrel bill, rolled into the house of congress on Wednesday, contained \$41,318,410 of fat. Speaking of it the staff correspondent of the Chicago Tribune says:

"The new measure is just as pernicious as the ones which were beaten in the last Congress through the opposition of Representative Frear of Wisconsin in the house and Senators Burton of Ohio, Kenyon of Iowa, and others in the Senate.

"All of the crooked creeks in the south which heretofore have been snagged and straightened at government expense are given appropriations in the bill.

"Among the larger indefensible items are appropriations of \$1,000,000 for work on the inland waterway from Beaufort, N. C., to Norfolk, Va., and \$1,500,000 for work on the Missouri river between Kansas City and St. Louis. Both of these were condemned by Representative Frear and Senator Burton and Kenyon in the last congress. The Missouri river scheme was even condemned by the army engineers, but political pressure has kept it in the bill."

The Susan B. Anthony constitutional amendment to provide nationwide votes for women, urged by the Congressional Union for Woman's Suffrage, has been pigeonholed by the house judiciary committee, which by a vote of nine to seven it determined to hold it up until December 16th, that is to say, until after the election. Democratic congressmen are adroit.



Columbus, Ohio. February 26 -- While the Columbus correspondents of the Coxized newspapers of Ohio, aided in every conceivable manner by the two Cox newspapers at Columbus - the Ohio State Journal and the Columbus Dispatch - are unsuccessfully using every expedient to find some vulnerable spot in the Willis administration, a close observer by careful analysis can easily determine the cause of their constant political fusillade.

Finding nothing serious in the Willis regime upon which to base a good case, most of these correspondents have resorted to tactics of giving wide publicity to stories of alleged defections within the Republican ranks. Whenever they can get some disappointed office-seeker to lament the fact that the Governor has failed to make use of his valued services and place him in a lucrative position, they are sending forth wild tales of talk of an organized movement being under way to undo the Chief Executive.

The war correspondents would call this effort upon the part of the Democratic press a clever piece of rear guard maneuvering to conceal confusion and retreat. The rank and file of the Democratic party is milling desperately. Its leaders cannot control it. No man has yet been suggested for its standard bearer in Ohio on whom its various elements can unite.

First of all many of the party leaders are dismayed at the prospect of State Chairman William L. Finley again leading the fight from the inside. However, Finley has the organization in such shape that it doesn't dare to release him. He has made it plain that he will control and practically dictate the candidate, or will drive the ship upon the rocks. Those opposing him declare that he has already put it there but that does not tend to make Finley desire to let control slip from his hands. Furthermore, a move was made some time ago which apparently did not attract much public attention but which was exceedingly significant from the Finley view-point. This was the selection of W. W. Durbin of Kenton, Finley's business partner, political confidant and brains as Chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee.

A large element in the Democratic party is opposed to the renomination of Ex-Governor Cox. Finley, Durbin and Cox worked well together and during the Cox administration felt that they were in a fair way to sew up Ohio politically in a manner which would make their names go down in history as the most masterful Democratic triumvirate in history.

Theirs was to be the most powerful type of close corporation. However the voters took a crack at their machine which was a heart breaking event for them just at a time when they felt that they were coming into the fullness of their glory. Now, Cox wants vindication. Finley wants the State Treasury. And Durbin, who was once defeated for Auditor of State, later for Congress and lastly for school board in his old home town, is crying "me too".

While some of the Democratic voters have been casting eyes toward Judson Harmon, whom they trust may turn into a star of hope, many others fear to nominate Uncle Jud would be like jumping from the frying pan into the furnace. They declare that Harmon was elected both times under circumstances in which Republicans were not in the fighting condition. They say that Harmon's connection with certain big interests and his corporation record was never inquired into by the Republicans in a way to secure the valuable ammunition that such an investi-



gation would now bring forth. Furthermore, Harmon has not consented to enter the race. Like the wily old political fox that he is, Uncle Jud is just listening and looking on. And again, the fact that he has accepted a commission from certain insurance interests to handle their case against the Workman's Compensation Law in Ohio, puts him out of the running, many Democrats declare, since this attitude is directly opposed to the vociferous declamation of Ex-Governor Cox upon this proposition.

Neither Executive Committee Chairman Finley nor Central Committee Chairman Durbin are fond of the idea of having Mr. Harmon as a candidate. They never got along with him in a way that suited him. Both were in the fight against him, when he aspired to be the Democratic presidential choice at the Baltimore convention, Durbin circularized Ohio against him and was one of the Ohio delegates who opposed him on every ballot. The Finley-Durbin following, which is the inside circle of the Democratic organization, does not fancy Harmon and this would mean that Harmon would be a much weaker candidate than many of his friends believe.

Then comes the Hon. Put Sandles, he is waiting to see what the other fellows will do. At one time Put was strong with the farmers of Ohio. During the last few years that he was officially connected with the State Agricultural Department he fell from grace. Sandles no longer holds the farmer vote. Neither does he stand in well with the Cox-Finley interests. Put would have troubles a plenty in his own party before the nomination and these would multiply like weeds immediately afterwards.

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#### ~~A DRY DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE.~~

A rural opponent of Governor Cox much more formidable than Mr. Sandles, is Oliver H. Hughes who farms 1600 acres in Highland County, having tried to buy all the land adjoining his while drawing \$5000 a year as a Cox Commissioner.

The Colonel having become prominent in the Anti-Saloon League through his election as the first dry mayor of Hillsboro, Governor Harman gave him an office as railroad commissioner, to show that he did not feel revengeful toward the dries who had supported his opponent Governor Harris.

How could a dry candidate use the Finley machine or secure the saloon money upon which the Democrats so long have depended for campaign expenses?

What's the answer?

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The present administration has to pay several thousand dollars a year to Jimmie Ross to pay up Jim Cox's debts to the Democratic boss of Franklin County.

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# THE ATTITUDE OF OHIO'S EDITORS.

There are But Two-Third Party Papers In Ohio.

During the campaign of 1912 there were in this state but sixty-four newspapers who would print Republican political matter mailed from headquarters - this figure covers both the metropolitan and rural publications, daily and weekly.

Now 205 papers, not including the cities of over thirty thousand population ask, get and use Republican political stuff, particularly facts of the acts of the state administration.

Without argument, the statement will be accepted, that the managing editor undertakes to give the people of his vicinity the sort of reading matter they want - that he undertakes to lead public opinion only after he learns what the public's opinion is.

Today, but two papers are outside the fold. They are the Elyria Telegram, owned by Mr. A. L. Garford and the Toledo Blade, controlled by Mr. Nat Wright.

The first paper to secede from the party, and the next to the last to return, was the Medina Gazette. The pleasing, and cogent, reasons for its return are given in an editorial announcement which, in part, is as follows:

There is no evidence and little probability that the Progressive party will put a state ticket in the field in Ohio this fall, or a county ticket in any of the counties of the state, even should a national ticket be nominated, as some of the more earnest and unregenerated national leaders claim will be done. This does not mean, however, that the Progressive spirit in Ohio is dead, only that the progressive ideas will be worked out in another way than in an independent movement.

It only means that they have discovered what they did not see in the first place, that faith could not be **vitalized** and those principles achieved through a new party.

The passing of the Progressive party demonstrates that it is better to work from the inside than from the outside, even though it cannot be denied that the reaction did have its beneficial results. However that may be, whatever it may have accomplished, the Progressive party is a thing of the past. The return of the millions who voted for a year or two with the Progressive party, to the Republican party, makes the future of the Republican party secure and that of the Progressive party beyond resurrection. It also means that the vital principles of the Progressive party are incorporated in those of the Republican party, and that the Republican party must and will gather them in the future.-

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By a recent decision of the Supreme Court of Ohio, the Republican administration has to continue paying Jimmie Ross rent for his buildings in Columbus to pay the debt to Jimmie which Mr. Cox owes. Cox rented Jimmie's building and leased them for state offices and the Republican administration is compelled to carry out the agreement, although the present state administration desires to cut out the expense of moving the departments to less expensive quarters.

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## JAIL BIRDS FOR ROAD BUILDING.

Some of the Powers Given Townships By the Cass Law.

A variety of new means has been found to facilitate lifting Ohio out of the mud. The man who signs a road petition can no longer embarrass a local improvement by withdrawing his name later, unless he show evidence of fraud. At last there is a definition of those who have and those who have not right to join in such a petition -- a theme long prolific of doubt and dispute. Provision is made for donation of material and labor, properly safeguarded. Townships are given power to condemn and purchase stone quarries and gravel beds for road material. Future franchises to steam, street, or interurban railroad companies must provide that the company shall make such changes in grade and construction as shall conform to any street or road improvement thereafter made. The right to engage convicts for road work, formerly the state's alone is now extended to counties and townships, which may also use for this purpose inmates of jails and workhouses. This is a piece of practical humanitarianism in which the state may well take satisfaction. Provision is made for cooperation in a single contract of main market and inter-county funds with county funds; they have so been used before, but not legally. Counties and townships may assume all or any part of the burden of extending main market and inter-county roads through small municipalities. Thus the unimproved links in the great state highways may be completed without asking small villages, up to their tax limit, to surrender their charters and merge a cherished local tradition in the richer political unit of the township. -- Clinton Cowan, State Highway Commissioner.

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The Crawford County Republicans have given Governor Willis the following endorsement:-

"We point with pride" to the splendid attainment of Hon. Frank B. Willis, as governor of Ohio; he has fulfilled his pledges to the people of the state and has done even more in the way of restoring to the people of Ohio representative government, and economy of administration. We believe in Governor Willis as an administrative official and as a man and we pledge him the loyal support of the Republicans of this county in his campaign this year, realizing that the best good of the state demands his return to a second term to the duty he has so capably handled during his first year in office.

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Bill Finley is still on the job in Columbus and has never thought of giving up the place.

The Bob Wolf-Bill Finley-Jim Cox combine in Columbus consists of all of the reporters on the Bob Wolfe papers and several correspondents of outside Democratic papers. Bill Finley is the boss of the bunch.

The political traitor, who before his perfidy always works in the open, skulks in the night when he is found out.



WAR ON WILLIS.  
Hilton Republican News.

Sherman's definition of war may not be refined but it has become classic, and it never was disputed. There seems to be a war now in Ohio that is waged by some newspapers and their correspondents for selfish purposes against the Willis administration and in this war these Allied journalists assume that anything goes in politics the same as in war. Is that in keeping with the dignity of a free press or in the best interests of our popular form of government?

These malignant assailants know that false rumors travel all over the state before evidence to the contrary can get started. There is also a tendency to distort and misrepresent what is based on records and to give credit to the administration for nothing that is well done. The conspirators have now evidently overplayed their game. The people are always on the side of the martyr and against such persistent persecution. The time has come for the search light to be turned upon those who have been seeking to control the lime-light.

During the past week there were reports published by these Allies in "the war on Willis" that Secretary of State Hildebrandt would qualify as a candidate against Willis for the Republican nomination for Governor and it was stated that the movement was organized to start in South-western Ohio, in fact that petitions were already in circulation in the first, second and third districts. The Republican organization at Cincinnati at once denounced the report as false and malicious and stated that no such movement against Governor Willis could be found there with a search warrant in either the first or second districts.

After the meeting of the Butler County central committee was over last Saturday this matter was called up while the members were seated around a table and there was not a single member present who had ever heard of it except through calls by phone from correspondents of papers that seemed to be interested. Certainly no one in Butler County could be found who had ever heard or thought of such a thing. Later it was learned that the conditions were the same in Montgomery and Preble Counties, which are also in the Third District.

It is evident that these "campaign lies" are started out of Columbus secretly by the conspirators with the hope that they will travel around so as to get back to Columbus for their selfish purposes of vile publicity. In this case the conspirators made a great mistake in the scene for their plot. They must get another location for that "Yarn". It cannot find lodgement in the first, second or third districts.

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The fellow who gave out the Standard Oil interview against Governor Willis before the 1914 election, which the Governor early nailed as a lie, is in the employ of the Cox-Wolf crowd for the purpose of stirring up opposition to the men Ohio wants as delegates to the National Convention.

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Governor Willis had less than 600 jobs at his disposal. There were more than 60,000 applicants. Is it any wonder that there are some disappointed office seekers?

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Governor Willis welcomes the nomination of James M. Cox of Dayton to be his opponent in the coming election.

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The news letter of the Ohio Republican Editorial Association,  
Commercial Building, Columbus, Ohio, Claud C. Waltermire, Correspondent

Columbus, O., March 2-- Saving to Ohio's tax payers continues each week in the conducting of the affairs under the present administration. This week the Liquor License commission's headquarters was moved from the Hartman Building, where a yearly rent of \$3,450.00 was paid to the annex of the State House where there is no rent to pay. The only expense in the new headquarters will be light, water and janitor service.

Immediately the removal became known, the Coxized press sent broadcast the statement that the commission was being moved into a dog kennel or an attic. The Democratic press bureau lamented at length on the poor light and ventilation. The fact of the matter is that there is no better lighted suite of office rooms in Columbus and as far as ventilation is concerned, the air in each room is changed every ten minutes by electrical fans. The ventilation in the Governors officis is not nearly as good.

The howl about inadequate headquarters for commissions is raised by those from whom the Cox administration made leases at fancy figures. The Cox administration paid Jimmie Ross thousands of dollars of rent yearly and the Willis administration is compelled to keep on paying a portion of that political debt to the Democratic boss because the Supreme Court says the lease is valid. Ross has been getting a nice little sum per year for his loyalty to the Cox machine.

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The Coxized press started another foolish yarn during the week with the same intent to embarrass the administration. This time these papers have it that there is no opposition to the four Republicans who will go to the Republican National Convention at Chicago. The truth of the matter is that a couple of fellows who could not control patronage, have announced as candidates for delegate at large. Their candidacies are not of sufficient importance to mention their names. Ohio Republicans will support Governor Willis, Senator Harding, William Cooper Proctor and John J. Sullivan. Each of the above mentioned is pledged to support Ohio's candidate for president, Hon. Theodore E. Burton.

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Taking it as a whole, the condition of the Republican party was never better in Ohio than it is to-day. Men from all over the state have been in Columbus during the week and they report that harmony only exists. The harmony meetings being held in different counties and districts have brought about an understanding among Republicans which is state wide. This is a Republican year.

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After being on a basis of free trade, Great Britian has finally come to the realization that what is needed is a protective tarriff and these sentiments have been freely expressed by great men of England. This is the good old Republican doctrine which great Britian's big men want to turn to in times of peril to her commercial interests. And yet the Democratic party says it is not good enough for us. Great Britian is now interested in her future domestic policy and that is what this great commonwealth will have to be doing very soon, or lose the golden opportunity for anything else but soup houses.

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## IS COX LEGISLATION MEANT?

One of the leading Cox organs of Columbus editorially commends the Governor of Pennsylvania for recommending the repeal of some two hundred useless laws of that state, and suggests that the same should be done in Ohio. We wonder if it has reference to the thirteen hundred pages of new laws enacted by the legislature in 1913, which sought to regulate everything beneath the sun.

The same organ laments that the Supreme Court of Ohio "will adjourn during the month of March because it has no business to transact." That it has been deprived by constitutional amendments "of important matters which rightfully belong to it"; and says that the constitution should be amended so as to restore to that court the jurisdiction of which it has been deprived.

It was one of the 42 amendments adopted in 1912 which wrested from the Supreme Court its "rightful jurisdiction" and they were literally yelled down the throats of the people by the slogan - "when in doubt vote yes", and Jimmy Cox and Biglow were the chief spokesmen.

In vain did cooler heads warn the people what havoc was being wrought by this onslaught against the courts, by which 22 useless Common Pleas Judges were added to the judiciary of the State, the Supreme Court robbed of its jurisdiction, and the Appellate Courts given final jurisdiction of the most important legal questions.

One by one some of the most flagrant of these amendments are being condemned by those who were their chief advocates when the people were stamped into adopting them. But it will take a long while to get back to safe and sane principles of Government. It is a hopeful sign, however, that their evil effects are being recognized even by the organs of their chief advocate.

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When things get into such a deplorable condition that Newton D. Baker is moved to telegraph Senator Pomerene that something must be done to keep the Democratic ship from going to pieces on the rocks, the old party must be in desperate straits.

It looks as if President Wilson's party is about to abandon him, and that only Republican support in the National Congress will save his administration from the bitterest humiliation.

## DOMESTIC POLICY NEEDED.

What efforts the President has put forth to keep us out of war, when no one wants to go to war, are to be commended. But it is just as important to keep people from starving to death as it is to keep them from being shot to death. It is just as important to keep the mills and factories open, and that labor be given employment so that it can provide for those dependent upon it, as it is to preserve peace. We are just as much in need of a wise domestic policy as we are of a foreign policy.

"Take the tariff out of politics" shout the Democratic statesmen as a last faint hope. Yes, take the color out of the rainbow. When the Democracy admit that we are right and they are wrong, let us enact a protective tariff law, and quit tampering with it. The tariff will be out of politics, but not until then.



AN INJUSTICE.

One of the greatest injustices inflicted by newspapers is the indiscriminate publication of the product of the space writer, without any regard to the facts. An instance is the announcement in Columbus dailies of the failure of a number of State employes in the recent civil service tests. Men who had never taken the examination, because no examination had been scheduled for their respective places, were herladed up and down the state as having failed to pass. There ought to be a way to get at the truth in these cases. A man shou'd not be branded as a failure, before he has been given a chance to take the examination. Put your foot on his neck if you must, but wait until he is down before you do it.--Logan Republic

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Do you remember the old times when the country roads were practically impassible for six weeks of the spring? But that was in the days when people couldn't see the economy of improved roads.

-- Bucyrus Telegraph.

The primary law which was supposed to be the poor mans friend is proving so expensive that it virtually bars the poor man from becoming a candidate for any important office.

Most of the legislation which is suggested by so called reformers needs to be carefully inspected. If adopted their measures frequently prove to be either worthless or positively vicious.

State Auditor Donahey"requires" three high-salaried pay roll clerks now days to handle about an average of four hundred formal papers a day; that is one hundred and thirty-three each. In the average bank one clerk handles over a thousand similar papers daily.

Test it out. If you think the office of State Auditor Donahey is efficient, visit it most any day. You will find from one to three clerks gossiping, and will wait until they finish before attending to your business. It is no wonder that the Auditor of State's office has increased its cost under Mr. Donahey, one-third.

Ohio Republicans are solid behind Theodore E. Burton as Ohio's favorite son at the Chicago convention and will send to that convention, Governor Frank B. Willis, United States Senator Warren G. Harding, William Cooper Proctor and John J. Sullivan. The state will be proud of man of this calibre to represent it as delegates at large.

The administration of Governor Willis is endorsed by every Ohioan who believes in efficiency, economy and good government and is opposed by spoilsmen, political crooks and a few inefficient fellows who could not control patronage. The latter do not control things in this state any longer.



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MODERN ROAD LEGISLATION.

At a score of points the Cass Act modernizes, humanizes and civilizes the highway legislation of the commonwealth. It makes for scientific progress by co-operating at the state university in courses in highway engineering. It makes for justice by enabling the material man and the laborer, who could not have benefit of a mechanic's lien against the state to sue a contractor on his bond. It makes for safety by requiring the construction of fences painted white along the sides of winding grades. It makes for the refreshing of man and beast by providing for drinking fountains and watering troughs. It makes for guidance by providing for the erection of sign posts to take the place of those which have so largely fallen into decay or disappeared altogether at cross roads throughout the state. By its provisions for sidewalks, shade-trees and shrubbery and grass plots along the wayside, it makes for the charm and comfort of travel, and for the renaissance of that road-spirit which has given us the narrative of exodus, the epics of Odysseus and

Aeneas and the wander-tales of the centuries. --  
Clinton Cowen, State Highway Com.

SEEK PROPERTY THAT RIDDLE IS HOLDING.

The state board of Agriculture Monday asked Attorney General Turner to help confiscate records, correspondence, mailing lists and the like locked up in the desk of T. P. Riddle, former manager of corn boys trips run by the state.

Turner was asked also to O. K. The board's refusal to pay bills aggregating \$900 presented by Riddle which were turned down when Riddle declined to submit itemized expense accounts,

-- Columbus Citizen.

Says the Columbus Dispatch: "The people are interested in saving their power to legislate for themselves." Isn't it about time for Mr. Cox to call a halt on Bob Wolf for such statements?

The stenographers cannot see the fire wagons go by, but the tax payers save \$3,450.00 rent by the moving of the Liquor License Commission.

It takes a lot of patience on the part of the average Democratic editor to turn a back hand spring every time Wilson changes his mind.

There were more than 500 applicants for two little state house grounds jobs this week.

The only fellows who kick when state commissions are moved to less expensive quarters are hold over Cox appointees who are not in sympathy with the economy program of Governor Willis. The Governor is disregarding their opposition, feeling that he is answerable to the people of Ohio and not Cox appointees.

Says the Hamilton Republican-News "It is generally believed that Matt Glaser, Dr. S. O. Giffin and Ralph Tyler will be defeated for delegates to the Republican National Convention, because they have entered for the purpose of defeating one of the four chosen by the Republicans of Ohio for that honor.



### COX A NATIONAL FIGURE.

So interesting and important a national figure James M. Cox. has become, that the New York Sun, the most independent and at the same time most powerful of the metropolitan newspapers, makes the intimate analytical estimate of his character in the editorial which follows:

The Democrats of Ohio are urging the President to appoint ex-Governor James M. Cox Secretary of War because they regard him as a Jonah in politics and want to have him removed from the party organization, which he controls. Since Cox does not assimilate and concilliate but generates antipathies, he would make a poor Secretary of War. Preparedness does not seem to be much of an issue with the Ohio Democrats.

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### THE CUTTLE FISH AS NATIONAL EMBLEM.

Senator Fall has accused the administration of cuttle fish diplomacy. It is unkind but it is apt.

The cuttle fish is a dibranchiate cephalopodous mollusk- without teeth - which relies for defense upon its ability to squirt ink. It is, of course the best India ink, capable of obsecuring much by its powers of diffusion. Having no teeth, ink affords some measures of defense,

But with Americans the game of squirting ink does not afford defense. All it does is to obsecure from us the unpleasant faces of possible enemies, and sometimes also gives offense to possible enemies.

We suggest the cuttle fish as a new, and we hope temporary, national emblem. -- Chicago Tribune.

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Columbus, O. March 2-- The fact that California, West Virginia and Kentucky have written to J. C. Callery, chief inspector of boilers and have asked that they be given a copy of the Ohio laws and code referring to boiler inspection, speaks well of the conducting of this department under the present administration.

The Department of Boiler Inspection has been given a complete overhauling by Mr. Callery and the department placed on a systematic basis, whereas it had been allowed to run in a haphazard manner before. The records of 25,000 boilers are being arranged in such a way as to make it possible to do againn as much work with the same office force.

There has been a tremendous lot of new work in this department in the last ninty days and with the present state of affairs existing the Department of Boiler Inspection will not only be self sustaining, but under Mr. Callery will put money into the treasury of the State.

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News letter of the Ohio Republican Editorial Association -- Commercial Building -- Columbus, Ohio.

Columbus, O., March 6 -- It is the present administration's economical and efficient carrying out of its platform pledges which hurts and the Democratic press bureau is trying to hide from the people of Ohio, through misrepresentation of the facts and the juggling of figures, what the real facts are. The reader can best know what is being done and the attitude of the present administration, by reading the following straight forward statement from the speech made by Governor Willis at Waverly during the last week.

Governments have been busy telling farmers and business men how to run their affairs. It is time now for merchants and farmers to insist that governments shall be run upon at least as good business principles as those which the wise merchant uses in the management of his business and with as strict and careful economy as a good farmer practices in running his farm. No farmer would hire men to work for him when he did not need their services and simply because the men wanted the place nor would he recklessly increase salaries far beyond the real worth of the services rendered just because he wanted to please somebody. Yet in recent years this very thing has been done by the government of the state of Ohio, offices have been created to take care of political parties and salaries have been increased in order to pay political debts out of the tax payers' money. This practice, however, came to an end more than a year ago, salaries have not been increased, but on the contrary have been reduced. Useless offices have been abolished and sinecures have been wiped out of existence. Tremendous savings have been wrought within a few short months in several departments of the state Government, without any way impairing the efficiency of the public service.

If every political subdivision of the state will adopt and follow this slogan of economy, fewer offices, lower salaries, less waste, there will be no need for higher taxes. Instead of seeking to raise more taxes to meet expenditures in contemplation, let us curtail expenditures so as to keep them within the limit of the revenues we now have. Instead of trying to make taxes grow to meet expenditures, let us cut down expenses to meet revenues. Counties, cities, state and nation have gone wild on extravagant expenditures. It is time to call a halt everywhere; a halt has been called in the state government of Ohio and the same program of economy and retrenchment should be adopted by every political subdivision of the state. Limitation on the tax rate must be preserved; I assure you there will be no special session of the Legislature to breakdown the one per cent tax law and increase the burden of the tax payers.

It is no easy thing to abolish a useless office when it once had been established. After the campaign is over and the departure of political opponents is assured, some friend of the incoming administration is pretty certain to discover that the office is after all very useful and necessary. He would even be willing to sacrifice himself upon the altar of his country and accept the position for the emoluments there unto belonging. And the appointing power runs the risk of being called a base ingrate if he does not shake down the plum, so ripe and ready to fall.



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In spite of the hinderances and delays, however, we are making progress in economy and efficiency. An effort to obscure this record may be made but it cannot permanently succeed. If a useless office is eliminated, the salary discontinued and no other position created in its place, that salary is saved. The fact that it is so obvious that it cannot be explained away. The policy of retrenchment inaugurated by the state is already making itself felt and will soon become so obvious that it will be generally known and appreciated without official announcement or public advertising.

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When a department moves its headquarters into just as commodious a suite of rooms, but at half the expense, the political gangsters charge that the Governor "has moved the important department of the state into a rookery," and lamented about the great wrong done to the dignity of the commonwealth. When any commission remains in the same quarters contracted for by the former administration during its dying days, for a long period of years to reward its political friend this same bunch wail that Governor Willis is as extravagant as his predecessors. During the coming months we may expect them to charge him with being responsible for the weather; for dictating whether or not there should be another wet and dry fight this fall; for being behind every movement either to submit or to head off referendums on laws or constitutional amendments - in short for everything which is done. Incidentally and unwillingly they pay the Governor a great compliment in assuming that he has the power to dictate everything and get away with it. But the Governor is a man of the people, and not a dictator.

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It is extremely humorous to read in the boiler plate matter of the Democratic press bureau their very pathetic utterance of "A Down State Republican". That is a time worn and threadbare method of manufacturing political thunder so ancient as to be positively ludicrous; but if we were to quote half that is said by down state or upstate democtats it would sting like an adder and fill columns of space. We prefer to wait however until they speak with a still small voice at the polls.

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The Governor in his effort to give the people of the state a businesslike, economical administration holds frequent conferences with representatives of the various departments, at which he requests free discussion and suggestion from each and all as to better methods of improving the service. These conferences are in the nature of a round table, and many valuable suggestions have been made and acted upon, and these informal discussions are production of much good. It is amusing however, to read an account of these meetings given by some very elert newspaper correspondents who never get nearer than the outside, and guess throught a stone wall as to what is transpiring within. One who attended a recent conference and read an account of the same the following day jocularly remarked - "That is all right except that it is all wrong." In other words, not a single thing spoken of in the item was even mentioned, much less discussed "at the meeting" However such minor mistakes do not bother the fellow who is hard pressed for a spicy news item.

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THE NORWOOD REPUBLICAN SAYS.

From up in Columbus there are a number of Democrats, working for the Cox-Findlay crowd, who are going up and down this state trying to make the people believe they are Republicans, who claim to believe that Governor Willis cannot be re-elected if nominated, and for that reason are trying to do all in their power to prevent his renomination. These men are paid the hirelings of a bunch of dissatisfied office seekers. There is not a man among them who cares two raps who is Governor, who is president or who is Senator, so long as they are able to accomplish their own personal ends. This gang of political pirates, who have hoisted the Republican flag while they sail their craft over the Ohio political sea, in search of plunder, have employed propagandists, press agents and boodlers to scatter the lies they are hatching and concocting against Frank Bartlett Willis.

It is rather strange that they are neither wets nor drys; they are just disappointed office seekers- disgruntled men, like Charles Gitterau and they care not whom they kill or destroy, so their selfish ends are attained.

Is it not about time the people pause long enough to see why men are for or against another man or another party? If there is good grounds for it, then all well and good. If it is greed for gain and selfish interest seeking to feed fat off the earnings of society, without giving in return a fair amount of service, then it is time to call a halt.

What is it that Governor Willis has done, that has so offended this band of self-constituted "County Savers"?

When Governor Willis went before the people two years ago on a platform which some of these knockers helped to build he pledged them he would use his every effort to carry out the planks of that platform. He said to them that his party was against James Montgomery Cox's pyramided Commissions and that he believed, with the Republican party, that a system such as Governor Cox had constructed, would be ruinous to a democracy. To this end Cox had worked. Against these Commissions stood the Republican party led by Willis and Warren G. Harding.

Willis was elected. He set about trying to fulfill the party pledge to the people. Immediately the Cox-Finley gang started opposition and they have continued it ever minute since Frank Bartlett Willis was inaugurated Governor. They have powerful influence at work in an effort to carry out purpose. They have brought press agents from the four corners of the earth in their efforts to uproot Governor Willis.

But it is not so much Governor Willis they are after. It is not because they like or dislike him personally.

They do not care a rap whether he is a bully good fellow, or a contemptible grouch. What these gangsters of James Montgomery Cox and Bill Findlay, really want is to defeat the Republican party. They want the Governorship for Mr. Cox. They want the forty thousand jobs over which the former Governor had absolute supervision. They want them so as to build a political machine, whose tenacles would be farther reaching than any Boss Tweed ever dreamed of, in his day of iron hand rule.

Governor Willis' administration has been a far better one than the preceding one. He has carried out the will of the people. He has passed such legislation as the party was pledged to enact, and he stood square with every one. Governor Willis' only fault was in the distribution of plums. He forgot to give Bill Finley a \$6,000 a year job. Instead he cut the salary of those \$6,000 a year jobs to \$4,000 and gave them to men whose fitness commended them for the places rather than their political standing. Willis has been on the job, looking out for the people of Ohio.



Another thing let all fair minded Republicans remember. Willis is the Republican Governor. He was elected by Republicans. He was elected by Republicans. He was elected in a three cornered fight, with the Republican party split in two parts. He won out even then. Another thing bear in mind, the 61,000 votes voted James Garfield reveived, were mostly Republicans, and still he won, and remember the prohibition question was uppermost in the minds of the people at that time, and while probibition lost by almost a hundred thousand votes, still Willis was elected.

If Willis has done any great wrong against the Republican party, which stood sponser for him and elected him; if he has betrayed any great principle, for selfish ambitions; if he has been untrue to those who sent him there, then there may be reasons why the Republicans of Ohio should unite on another man in the primary. But the only charge against him is the one that shows only too plainly that he has refused to bow the knee to Bail, and if no better reasons are advanced for his defeat, other than he has not fed the gasping politicians, who sought fat jobs, then the people of Ohio are duty bound to re-elect him.

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One of the staunch Wilson papers in Columbus gives him a strong editorial rap. It says: "A great public officers is greater in his office then he is in gallavanting around the country, watching baseball, eating banquets or making speeches. In fact, the latter habit of making one's self too common detracts from one's popularity."

It is to be assumed that this is meant for the president, for it is only a short time since the papers of the entire country carried his picture, sitting with Mrs Gault at a ball game, and joining gleefully in the applause. To say nothing of the time he took off for his honeymoon at a crucial hour of the great world war, he has been twice in Ohio since his wedding day, "gallavanting" nearly across the continent, "making speeches", and is still accepting calls for like service.

If this fling had been made during the Cox adminstration in Ohio it doubtless would have been meant for him; for he not only responded to calls from picnics, conventions and reunions, but during the last summer when in office, organized "get acquainted" meeyings, where he spent two or three days in a single county, making tours of the towns and rural communities, in automoblies, actually introducing the business men of the county seat towns, who could be induced to accompany him, to their customers whom he had never soon before, but with whom they had been doing business a score or more of years.

Since the genial ex-Governor is no longer in office, it must be the president to whom the editorial refers as "A Great Public Officer!"

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There is a trite maxim- "all is fair in war and politics". But in war, unhuman and barbarous treatment is condemned in every civilized community; and in politics, misrepresentation and villification react upon those who resort to it.

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The president seems to be peeved. If the democratic members of congress do not give him "a vote of confidence", he will not run. If they do give him such a vote, they fear they will not run. But for that matter most of them may as well save their money for the people will demand in the next congress men who stand for protection regardless of their attitude on other questions.

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Let every Republican who approves economy in state affairs, and efficiency in government see that Governor Willis gets a rousing vote for National Delegate, and thereby defeat the efforts of those who, from personal spleen, attempt to weaken his administration by detracting from his majority.

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The insurgent who insurges only for his own personal gain seldom gets far. It requires a principle to attract an intelligent following.

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The man who joins any organization and then attempts to sell his influence with it insults each and every member of that organization and should be repudiated.

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As a usual thing Republican voters are not inclined to approve candidates who are hatched by insurgent Republicans and Democrats in an upper room of the Neil House during the wee small hours of the night.

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#### NO ECONOMY UNIMPORTANT TO WILLIS.

Ever since ice water became a necessity to the city dweller, through its use as a luxury having established a habit, the twenty-five heads of departments in the state house have been buying ice by the hundred pounds delivered in the water-cooler.

The governor being busy stopping waste at the bunghole, Col. Garner of the executive office, to emulate a distinguished example in a small but effective way of saving at the spigot, added the twenty five ice bills during six weeks and found that at 15¢ a hundred, the price paid, the cost was \$90.79. If the ice had been bought in ton lots the cost would have been \$35.34.

The answer is an ice box in the basement, from which each department gets the number of pounds needed for the day, saving \$9.24 a week in the aggregate.

The ice box cost \$90. Grammar grade pupils may figure the amount of annual interest the state receives from the investment.

The greatest consumption of water is in the law library and the smallest in the state library, which attests the comparative dryness of the visitors thereto.

And this is a dry administration as well as an economical one.

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News letter of the Ohio Republican Editorial Association,  
Commercial Building, Columbus, Ohio.

Columbus, Ohio, March 13 -- Notwithstanding the fact that Cincinnati has a self constituted candidate for delegate at large to the Republican National convention, one Matt Glaser, who was one of the Neil House conspirators, of recent date, the executive committee of Cincinnati and Hamilton County republicans met last week and overlooked the fact that Matt was a candidate. Instead of remembering that he was from Cincinnati, this committee unanimously endorsed the candidacy of Governor Frank B. Willis, United States Senator Warren G. Harding, Colonel William Cooper Proctor and Hon. John J. Sullivan; all of whom are representative Republicans and who have the endorsement of Ohio's candidate for presidential honors, Hon. Theodore E. Burton.

The movement of renegade Republicans under the direction of Charles Gerrish to manufacture a campaign against the four above named republicans for the honors has fallen flat to date. The motive behind the scheme was given publicity the day after a secret meeting of political conspirators was held in the Neil House and it has never been denied by those who attended this right conference.

Another movement which has fallen just as flat is that of certain Columbus newspapers unfriendly to the present administration because they could not control patronage, to make it appear that Secretary of State Charles Q. Hildebrandt would be a candidate this year for the Republican nomination for governor. This talk is all "bunc". Secretary Hildebrandt says he is a candidate for reelection and he is not in league nor does he countenance any publicity to the contrary.

The Democratic brethren at the capital, together with a few former Republicans, whose service in behalf of the state has been declined by the administration, are staying up nights to hatch some sort of political "clap trap" to fool the voters. The great trouble with them is that they are resorting to the old time tactics which are known to every thinking voter in Ohio, and they are not able to put across the "P. T. Barnum" brand of politics. Whenever you hear of a Republican making any statement against the present administration you can put it down in the band of your hat that he wanted to sacrifice himself on the altar of public service to the state and his offer was declined, or else you can put it down in the same hat and on the same hat band that he didn't say what he is quoted as saying by the unfriendly press.

There is another thing to bear in mind and that is that there is no trouble in the ranks of the Republican party on Ohio. Not in years has there been such a disposition to give and take as there is this year. Republicans all over Ohio are cognizant to the fact that this is their year. Every indication points to a Republican victory in both state and nation. Men from every section of Ohio who come to Columbus on business, say that their county organizations are alive to the real facts and that they will pile up big majorities this year in their counties.

There will be another big reunion of Republicans in Columbus in August. These reunions have become popular, as matters of importance are discussed in an informal way and general good feeling prevails. The August reunion will be larger than usual and committees are already busy in the arranging of details.



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Following its usual policy of misrepresentation and mud slinging, the Columbus evening Dispatch printed an alleged interview during the week, in which R. A. Mack, a Cincinnati dry leader is quoted as having said that the Anti-Saloon league is against Governor Willis. Mr. Mack denied the interview and branded it as false statement. In connection with it, James A. White, State Superintendent of the league, said:

"The statement is absolutely false, even if Mr. Mack had given out such an interview,, it does not represent the Anti-Saloon league. No one has any authority to give out any statements from the Anti-Saloon league and no statements can be accepted as true unless they come from the headquarters of the league."

The statement made in the Columbus Dispatch is only one of many they make each week with the authority.

Mr. C. C. Waltermire.

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WILLIS FINDS NO HYPHENS.

THE GOVERNOR EXPRESS HIMSELF FORCEFULLY ON THE  
FOREIGN POLICY OF THE PRESIDENT.

"What do you think about the fight in Congress over the policy of President Wilson?" was asked Governor Willis by a reporter of the Enquire, after he had delivered an address to employees of the Procter and Gamble Company at their profit-sharing festival at Emery Auditorium, Cincinnati, Ohio.

"The President said substantially; "The rights of no American citizen should be abridged under the law. This is a good patriotic american doctrine. It has been announced and sustained in our dealings with Mexico we would have been saved much humililiation and escaped the charge that our diplomacy and degenerated into an international correspondence school"

As to the questions involved in our foreign policy and the rights of American citizens Governor Willis said;

"Our republic has passed through wars and solved the social and economic problems that they entailed. Today, while the most destructive war of all time is shaking to their foundations the dominant nations of Europe, we are at peace with the world. The position we shall maintain, not at any price, but with honor. We shall maintain it without appeals of the fears or the passions of the people. The patriotism of America will be found equal to every emergency, and a crisis, if it should come, will find us prepared. In the midst of wars and rumors of war, it behooves us to keep cool.

In the heat of oratory statesmen sometimes say strange things. No real rights we enjoy, or are entitled to under the law of nations, will be surrendered. The people of the United States will keep their temper and maintain peace with honor. Their ardent hope, I am sure, is that the war, so far as this continent is concerned, shall be confined to Washington and the present congress. We shall not join in tearing down the civilization of this country, but when the titanic struggle is over we shall help our brethren across the sea to build up the wreck of the battlefield, the structure of an enduring peace.



I regret deeply to see so many of our public men, so many of our publications creating uncalled for furore regarding the so-called Hyphenated-American. This does a great injustice to a large element of our citizens. I have talked with many of these people. They have their views concerning this war, but I have yet to find one whose loyalty or devotion to America can be questioned.

"No anxiety need be felt regarding the attitude of these people toward our country. Sympathy with the home land-whatever it may be-is but natural, but if a crisis should unhappily come we are all Americans first. Every class of our citizenship would spring to the defense of our common country as it has always done when our national honor is at stake. These people have proven their mettle in the past and should the calamity of war with any nation reach us the patriotism and stable aid of these people will be one of the bright spots in our history".

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In time of peace most any kind of a cheapskate politician can act as Secretary of war; but after the experience the president had with Daniels one would have supposed that he would have selected a man who had at least seen a battleship, or had at some time been within a thousand miles of a cannon.

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Now that the Mexicans have actually come across the border and killed fifteen more Americans Citizens, we wonder if Senator Gore will introduce a resolution in congress warning the Citizens of the border states to move out and come north till Carranza shall have pacified Mexico.

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The appointment of Newton D. Baker, to the position of Secretary of War leads one to think that his choice was aided by the fact that he is a splendid "jammer of wind". Also it is to be surmised that he will be largely called upon to "blow up" the present National Administration, on the stump this fall. But as for the mass of thinking people the country over, in their opinion the "Administration" blew up a long time since.

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The way boss Finley and his democratic cohorts are scratching grit to dig up something against the present able administration, is positively humorous. Without facts or figures, and devoid of any semblance of truth, they conjure up petty ridiculous molehills and turn them into political mountains. However, the age of "Bunco" and "White Elephants" is past and the average Ohio voter has proven that he can look behind the yellow journalistic veil and see that these wild, visionary concoctions are only frame-ups, intended to divert the eyes of the masses from seeing clearly the splendid work that the Willis administration is actually turning out.

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INSPIRED WORDS.

The writer who furnishes the Sunday letter of political gossip for both the Democratic Columbus Dispatch and the self alleged Republican Ohio State Journal, under the caption "Cox's Intentions" makes this statement:

"W. L. Finley, chairman of the executive committee for the Democrats, who is determined that Governor Cox shall be the next candidate for governor on the Democratic ticket, says that Mr. Cox will be a candidate for nomination, notwithstanding his reticence at the present time on that question. When the time comes Mr. Finley says, Mr. Cox will declare himself: and he also says that when the time comes, he will be a candidate. Nothing more is known of the intentions of Judson Harmon than were six weeks ago, when he told friends in effect that he was not in the race, neither was he out of it. But is Mr. Cox is a candidate, as Mr. Finley so positively asserts, Gen Oliver H. Hughes is definitely out of it, for he has said that any person who was a part of Mr. Cox's administration who would make a race against him would be an ingrate."

The foregoing paragraph adroitly gives the impression that James M. Cox is being forced into the gubernatorial race by the regular Democratic organization of which Mr. Finley, officially is the head - but Cox is the head which turns the head as it pleases.

In addition to conveying the impression that Democracy is demanding that Cox again shall be its standard bearer, the paragraph puts forth the public statement of General Hughes which, Cox being a candidate, bars his ambition.

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Postmaster General Burleson has been advocating the public ownership of railroads, telephones and telegraphs ever since he has been in the cabinet, going so far as to recommend the same to congress. Newton D. Baker who has just been made Secretary of War is a single taxer and imbued with all the Tom L. Johnson fads and fancies. Now if the president can get his newly appointed member of the Supreme Court of the United States, Brandies, confirmed, we shall be pretty well launched on the sea of socialism.

While the program for creating an enlarged army and a more efficient navy seem to be pretty well arranged by congress and the president we have not heard a word as to the proposed method of paying for the gigantic enterprise. It would seem that with the national treasury facing an ever growing deficit, during these halcyon days of peace some scheme would be discussed along with these preparations for the possibilities of war, for raising the revenue to meet the expenditures.

An oldline Democrat was heard to remark on the morning following William Jennings Bryan's speech in Columbus that William had been trying for twenty years to get into office, and when at last he got one, he turned turtle when he was confronted with the first real task, and sneaked down the back alley, leaving his benefactor to wrestle with the situation alone.

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## A SPOILED SIOGAN.

Even a short memory may recall the issue upon which the Ohio Democracy made the campaign for the election of the present congress. Mr. Wm. L. Finley, who managed it, had printed in red across the face of each piece of literature issued, "Stand by the President". Mr. Bryan toured the state making ~~Silver~~-tongued appeal, to elect to congress only the Democrats, for they only would "Stand by the President"

Now the President appeals, piteously, to the Democrats in congress to stand by him. Three Ohio Democratic congressmen chosen in that campaign, Sherwood, Gordon, and Crosser, have attacked the president for his effort to defend American rights and honor, hamstringing him while he was handling this supreme crisis.

And, too, Mr. Bryan hastened to Washington to organize and encourage the traitors who have undertaken to seize a constitutional power of the president and then to Ohio to win support for the three Democratic congressmen who refuse to stand by the president and have attacked him. -- Columbus Saturday Monitor.

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Now that the Republican members of congress have stood by the president and compelled the Democratic members to do so, whether they would or not, many of the latter have announced that they will not be candidates for re-election -- notably Congressman Sherwood of Toledo. It must be a sad plight when a party is so divided that one end dare not stand by the other without putting itself out of the running.

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The Nobel Peace Price, of \$40,000. awarded annually from a fund established by the inventor of dynamite to the person having done most to maintain world - peace during the previous year, has been bestowed upon both Col. Roosevelt and Mr. Root, the two gentlemen the Democratic politicians feign to fear will force us into war.

The utterances of the president last week - more power to him! - were more war like than those of Col. Roosevelt in the magazine or those of Senator Root in the New York convention.

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## FOUR "DESERVING DEMOCRATS."

Pomerene for vice president (U.S.), Baker as Secretary of war, Harmon for Senator, Cox for Governor! It's a wonder that dreams come true.

The fairy prince who so beneficently bestowed these high honors - and the emolument thereto attached - upon Ohio's quartet of deserving democrats, appeared in a dream to a political writer in the Sixth City. He was awakened by the noise of Senator Pomerene repelling the gracious gift. Uncle Jud maintained silence. There really was nothing for him to say but "greedy" when Mr. Pomerene declined to leave the nomination for senator open by chasing the vice presidency.

But, half, the dream will come true. Already Mr. Baker has the cabinet position and Mr. Finley has said Mr. Cox will be named for governor, so that's fixed, too.

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# HAS THE LIGHT DAWNED?

One would almost think that the Columbus morning paper was doing penance. Scarce two weeks ago it carried an editorial bewailing the fact that the Supreme Court of Ohio had been bereft of its jurisdiction until it was left stripped of its power and had nothing to do but take a vacation and go home. Now in its editorial columns its laments;

"We are actually oppressed and strangled by the multiplicity of our governing forces. We are trying to have a law for every whim, footstep, pleasure, profit, fancy and all the little turns and twists of life and thus amplifying the government to take care of them all. The simplicity of our forefathers wouldn't stand for it, nor should we. God runs this entire universe on a half a dozen laws, and yet we take thousands of laws to run Ohio. It would not be so if we resorted to the simplicity of the founders of the republic."

When the former Governor of Ohio was ramming these multiplicity of laws through the legislature under whip and spur, denouncing those who dared to lift a protesting voice as, "Barn Rats", he had no more staunch advocate than this same journal. In something like thirteen hundred pages of new laws, the legislature of 1913 sought to regulate everything from the creation of dragmasters" for every six miles of public roads in the state, to the creation of inspectors and license officers to inspect and collect a license fee of thirty dollars from every quarryman who sold a wagon load of crushed limestone to a farmer to be spread upon his soil; to say nothing of a multiplicity of both bigger and littler things; and all the while the power behind the throne who wrote these reams of laws regulating "all the little turns and twists of life", was ably supported by this selfsame journal.

This sort of "amplifying the government" was then widely bruited as "constructive legislation"; and when the last General Assembly began to uproot some of these obnoxious legislative weeds, it was denounced as "reactionary" and advised "to adjourn and go home"

Can it be that a new light has dawned, and that those who thus "oppressed and strangled" us have seen the error of thier ways and are anxious to aid in removing the manacles from our limbs so that we may return "to the simplicity of the founders of the republic"

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## HARDING FOR TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN.

Warren G. Harding, Ohio's junior Republican sanator, may be the temporary chairman of the Republican convention. He is now the most talked of man for the place. Should he be chosen he will have to sound the party "key note". Until recently Samuel W. McCall, the new Republican governor of Massachusetts, was under consideration for the Chairmanship, but some of the New England Republicans feel that the Governor did not treat Senator Weeks exactly right, and it is understood, will interpose an objection should the convention committee on arrangements decide to name him for the temporary chairmanship. The argument in favor of calling Senator Harding to preside over the convention is that he would be eminently satisfactory to all the candidates.--Washington correspondent, Columbus Saturday Monitor.

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News letter of the Ohio Republican Editorial Association--  
Commercial Building.-- Columbus, Ohio.

COMMISSIONER BOYLE NOT A SINGLE TAXER.

Columbus, Ohio, --March 17-- All over Ohio the Democratic newspapers are publishing articles sent out from the Finley-Morris publicity bureau at Columbus, charging that Mr. James Boyle, a member of the State Tax Commission, is a "single taxpayer," and that he is using his official position to make the increase of the duplicate fall specially or exclusively upon real estate. In response to a request, Mr. Boyle made the following statement:

"The charge that I am a single taxpayer is absurd, and I fully understand that the false charge is made for political purposes- to hurt the Willis Administration. No single taxpayer who knows my views would accept me as a comrade. Anybody who calls me a single taxpayer does not know what he is talking about or tells a malicious untruth. I have never written a line or uttered a word which justifies the claim that I am a single taxpayer. I am not a single taxpayer and never have been a single taxpayer. Even if I were, that would not effect my actions as a member of the State Tax Commission, which is an administrative body, with the primary obligation to carry out the law as it is, irrespective of any particular theory of the principles of taxation which might be held by a member. Those who know my views fully understand that I am absolutely opposed to the provision in the former Warnes law and in the present Parrett-Whittemore law which did and does in effect prohibit the taxing officials from listing "intangible" personal property, in the shape of bank deposits and stocks and shares. Single taxpayers favor this practical exemption of intangible wealth; I do not. I favor the State Tax Commission and County Auditors being clothed with power to examine the books of banks and other financial institutions to enable them to properly list for taxation the many hundreds of millions of dollars now hidden. As it is, the Tax Commission, County Auditors and boards of revision are not only prohibited from examining the accounts or records of any banking or official institution but are actually prohibited from receiving "any list of depositors, stock depositors, members or others who transact business in or with such institutions". A similar provision was in the Warnes law. It positively conflicts with the whole theory of the Ohio system of taxation for the reason that it throws absolute protection over the owners of entangible wealth who wish to evade taxation. This provision in the Warnes law was condemned by the Tax Commission as formerly constituted, and it has been officially condemned by the State Commission as now constituted, and particularly by Wm. Boyle. The present duplicate was made under the Warnes law, with the prohibition referred to in active force. Had this prohibition not been in the Warnes Law the grand duplicate of the state would unquestionably have been increased by hundreds of millions of dollars of "intangibles."



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It is true that there was a slight decrease in 1915 as compared with 1914 under personal property. Every man who knows the situation understands that the reasons were first, that tax dodgers had learned after a years experience how the Warnes law prohibited them in hiding away their deposits of money and stocks and shares; and secondly, that in 1914 the Tax assessors caught the farmers when they had plenty of stock and feed, as in that year the appraisal commenced in February, while in 1915 - as this year- it did not commence till April. In another particular I am not in harmony with orthodox single taxers, in that I believe that the state and the local communities should be empowered to raise much of their needed revenues from income and inheritance taxes; and yet I agree with the single taxers that owners of unimproved real estate in improved neighborhoods should be compelled to pay taxes on the value attaching as "unearned increment",

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GOVERNOR WILLIS UPHELD.  
GOVERNOR FARRIS OF MICHIGAN SAYS,  
"The Birth of a Nation" "Symbolizes Not Peace But Hell"  
He Would Not See It Again For \$50.00

COLUMBUS SATURDAY MONITOR.

Local gibes at Governor Willis because he openly condemned "The Birth of a Nation" film as an insult to the Union Army and the colored citizens of the Nation, are met by the following scathing arraignment of the film by no less person than his fellow-governor the chief executive of Michigan.

The account appeared in the columns of an exchange, and was sent to us by a reader of the Monitor.

Lansing, Mich. -- "It is the most damnable thing I ever witnessed, and not for \$50.00 would I again sit three hours and watch such scenes," declared Governor Woodbridge N. Ferris, in discussing the motion picture play, "The Birth of a Nation".

If it were in my power I would issue an order today not to allow the picture again be shown in our state. It recalls to mind things that are past and gone, greatly over plays them and does no good, but plenty of harm.

Words cannot express the contempt I feel for the entire matter.

"The Birth of a Nation is a gigantic, spectacular exposition of human hate and revenge. Here and there is an oasis- a hint of the beautiful and the wholesome.

"An effort to revive the awful scenes of the civil war and the reconstruction period after the manner of "The Birth of a Nation" must prove harmful to the American people. The Birth of a Nation is not only a positive insult to the colored people; it is an insult to the intelligence of the whole white race. Would that Dante could reappear on the earth long enough to see "The Birth of a Nation" he would tender his apologies to the film makers of 1916.

"With the exception of the culmination of the play, the majority of the scenes arouse anger, revenge, horror and hate. It is possible that the American people hanker for this sort of thing. Human beings do not grow sweeter and better because they employ every possible opportunity for rehashing the past- for recalling quarrels and conflicts of days gone by.

"The Birth of a Nation does not symbolize peace; it symbolizes hell" --- Ferris.

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A great many people were wondering what inducement could have possibly caused president Wilson to put a man like Baker in the War Department; but the secret is out -- Baker was a student at Princeton, dear old Princeton, and went to school to Wilson. My, but it is a fine thing to have been at Princeton and a student of Professor Wilson.

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One would think to read some of the tirades against the Governor that it had become a crime to practice economy in the public service and a burning shame to save the people's money.

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So the Finley crowd have taken a straw vote in a certain building in Cincinnati and found only four Willis votes in the building. Astonishing! Let us pick the building and take the ballot and we can find places in any city where Jeff Davis could have beaten Lincoln for president. That old gag is so timeworn and threadbare that the mere resort to it in this day is a confession of weakness and an admission that there is no issue on which to base an opposition.

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Three important events of almost daily occurrence - Another ship sunk by a German submarine, another lie nailed, and another fake interview concerning opposition to Willis run down and exploded.

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If any real war comes to this country, or if war is seriously threatened, it is the duty of every citizen to stand by the president whether he approves all of his acts or not; but if, for political purposes, the president persists in conjuring up a purely imaginative war solely that it may be held up as a mirage to lure the unwary to his support, he will neither deserve nor receive the support of right thinking men. No carping criticism of the president should be indulged in, neither should he be idealized for having saved us from dangers which never had any existence. Every patriotic citizen owes it to himself and to his country to carefully watch the developments from day to day and be guided by judgement, & not swayed by impulse. It is unfortunate that a presidential campaign should occur while the world is at war. It gives rise both to unjust and partisan criticism, and to unmeaning and undeserved praise. Only the good common sense of the average American citizen can enable him to judge fairly and act justly at such a time.

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One would think from the amount of uncollectible taxes on the imaginary property which the last administration put upon the tax duplicate in its attempt to show the value of the late lamented Warnes law, that the assessors had gone into the graveyards and put all of the tombstones on the list. However, the Warnes law needed a tombstone, and this unheard of sum of uncollectible taxes is a fitting monument.

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Now that the Hon. James M. Cox has consented to be a candidate, it is fitting that he should let the people know whether or not, in the event of his election, he will again ram through the legislature the Warnes law and his civil service law which provided for filling the appointive offices with men who took a noncompetitive examination. These will be real live questions which the people will want to have answered.

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Two anti-administration stories were nailed as false Wednesday when Otto Hankinson of Toledo said that he was not responsible for the story sent out from that city to the effect that he was behind the movement to bring Matt Glaser and Dr. S. O. Giffin to Toledo to open their campaign against regular republicans for delegates at large to the National convention; and when Mayor Harry Davis of Cleveland denied a story printed in the Columbus Dispatch Monday evening, to the effect that he had made a statement in Washington, that Governor Willis would have a hard time to be reelected. Both of these newspaper stories were made from whole cloth, according to the men who were quoted. Mayor Davis said: - "In talking with a crowd of Washington reporters I said Cox would be the easiest Democrat for us to beat and Harmon would be the hardest. We can beat either of them". Hankinson said: "No one had any authority to use my name in connection with any meeting of Matt Glaser in Toledo. I most certainly have nothing to do with it and will not have." This is just another incident of where the foes of the administration have tried to pull something across and have failed.



So Cox has thrown his hat into the ring and is willing to run for Governor again if he "can be of service to president Wilson". Well, that is actually laughable,. He could be of ten times more service if he kept off the ticket. The fact is that if he thought Wilson could be of sufficient service to him that he could "pull him across", he would be glad to jump on the wagon. But neither of them will have enough pulling qualities to pull himself through, much less having any to spare. Of course Cox will proceed to make up his mind that he is sorely needed to help put Wilson across, and will devote his service to that noble purpose - in short he is a candidate, prompted, to be sure, only by a desire "to help the president." It is to laugh.

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My, how the Columbus papers are worried about the fish in Buckeye Lake. They lay awake 'o nights hatching things to blame the Willis administration for. One day it is because he has moved a State Commission and saved the treasury a few thousand dollars, and the next it is because he is raising enough money to carry out the laws which the Cox-bossed legislature passed and under which contracts were made during the closing hours of the late repudiated administration; but now it is an imaginary fear that all the fish in the lake are going to be famished for drink. That is about the fishiest pipedream of them all.

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Last week the rancorous press which has been attempting to stab Willis in the back because it cannot dictate his policies and can not control his appointments carried a big "scare head", to the effect that one of the leading attorneys, from Cincinnati, prominent as a dry worker, had been interviewed and declared that the drys were against Willis in Cincinnati, and that with the help of the wets they were going to wipe him off the map, and when they had annihilated him, then the wets and drys would stand with clasped hands above his political grave and rejoice in the havoc they had wrought. Immediately the forsaid attorney called at the office and demanded a correction of the statement, denied that he had given out any such interview, but nary a line of retraction or denial. And this is Journalism.-Political Journalism,

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Once upon a time two men entered into a very cunningly devised scheme to devote their valuable services to the state.

"You" said the first", announce to the public that while you are a man of retiring disposition and much inclined to dwell in seclusion yet that you have a patriotic vein running through your anatomy which is not unresponsive to the clamorous appeal of your fellow citizens; and that if it appears that you are called to devote your high talents to the state you will lay aside private duties and answer to the call. Then I will go up and down throughout the commonwealth and enlist many of my cohorts in your behalf and we will manufacture the call. We will make it loud and long, drowning the multitude with our clamorous outcry. Straightway you will bow down to the earth and say -- 'I yield, I yield'. Then when we have won the fight we will sit us down and parcel out the spoils of office and give the high places to our friends.

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News Letter of the Ohio Republican Editorial Association, Commercial Building, Columbus Ohio.

Columbus, Ohio.-March 20th.- Failing as it has to create any anti-Willis sentiment outside of Columbus, the Columbus Evening Dispatch, owned by Bob Wolfe, bosom friend of ex-Governor Cox, began a campaign in Columbus last Thursday, in an attempt to make Columbus people believe that the Governor was plotting against the city. The absurd story was to the effect that unless Jimmie Ross went to an additional expense of \$1200, the state house would lose its brilliant lights.

No one seems to know what Jimmie has to do with it, unless it might be that he was on the citizens' committee which made the lighting of the state house possible.

Some time ago Adjutant General Hough's office found that the lighting on the Third street side was not safe. Continued rains had caused the crossing of wires so that the lights were not safe. This was brought to the attention of the department by the State House engineer, who was a Cox appointee. The Adjutant General asked that the wiring be placed in a safe condition, offering to take care of the State's portion of the work.

Owing to the bad wiring, the lights were off one or two nights and the Wolfe paper came out with the statement that the lights had been turned off to show that the "Willis Gang" expected to get even with the people of Columbus, who had made it possible for the state house to be illuminated etc.

The fact of the matter is that the contract for the wiring has not been completed. The state is willing to do its share, but the Adjutant General's department is not willing to allow the defective wiring to cause fire. Merely another piece of dirty political journalism on the part of the Wolf Dispatch and the people of Columbus know it.

This paper has at least one garbled story each day in connection with the Willis administration. Each one is "timed" and "set off" in an effort to hurt the governor and his administration.

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That old saying "A prophet is not without honor, save in his own country," does not apply to Hardin County Ohio, where last Friday night nearly a thousand men greeted Governor Frank B. Willis and made him understand that they were in full accord with his administration of economy and good government. Those two bosses of the Democratic party, William L. Finley and William Durbin are both residents of Kenton, but Democrats as well as Republicans sought out the Governor and made known their stand against the villification and misrepresentation to which he has been subjected by the political pirates who are members of this or that party for "revenue only"

No man ever got a warmer reception in his home county than did Governor Willis. The friends who have known him from boyhood and since, met him at the train. They followed to the hotel and sat down at the banquet with him. Their appreciation of him was in the form of lusty cheers whenever his name was mentioned. They gave the Governor a big majority in Hardin two years ago. It will be nearly unanimous this year.

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One of the big Republican meetings of the week was held at Jackson, under the auspices of the Jackson county committee and headed by Chairman Edwin Jones, of State Republican Executive Committee. Prominent Republicans from all over Ohio were guests of the Jackson county folks and it was the biggest political meeting ever held in that portion of the state. Governor Willis, Hon Harry M. Daugherty, of Columbus and Judge D.D. Woodmansee of Cincinnati were among the speakers. Governor Willis at the Jackson banquet, put the quietus on some of the statements made by the unfriendly press of the state. In part, he spoke as follows;

For sometime it has been generally understood that in Ohio the campaign for governorship is to be the fight of two years ago over again. Mr. Finley, Chief Engineer of the old machine, has given notice to the state that my predecessor is again to be the nominee of his party and that has virtually settled the matter.

Governor Cox, however, evidently thought that some thing should be added to the pronunciamento of his manager and he has made a statement to the public that is, to say the least, illuminating and remarkable. If his own newspapers quote him correctly, this is what he said at the London banquet last week: "My personal inclination is to



remain in private life. There is no more honor in being Governor twice than once. Few people can have the understanding of the awful dredgery of the two years following the adoption of the new constitution. I am willing that our administration shall go without change or apology to meet the test of time.

"If it should develop, however, that I can render some service in throwing the electorate vote in Ohio in 1916 to our great President, I am willing to lead the fight."

Governor Cox prefers to stay in private life, unless he is convinced that his candidacy will help President Wilson to pull his electoral chestnuts out of the fire in Ohio; and, of course, Mr. Finley will easily persuade my extinguished predecessor that he is the Moses to lead the faithful out of the wilderness and turn over the electoral vote of our state to President Wilson and the National Democracy.

To make the situation perfectly clear, Governor Cox is willing to descend for a little while in the early days of next November from his lonely post of disappointed seclusion to put President Wilson on his feet once more in Ohio and give him a mighty boost that will land him again in the presidential chair. From the viewpoint of my predecessor, of course, this is a most magnanimous and generous thing to do; and, perhaps, after all, in spite of the Bryan defection, the former Governor could make more headway in talking to the people of Ohio about things in Washington or somewhere else than he could in talking about the record of his own administration. He says he is willing to leave the latter to history. Some other people are glad to consign a goodly portion of it to oblivion.

Fortunately, the Republican party is ready to do battle on either national or state issues, and it challenges its opponents to combat on both. My predecessor has boasted of his civil service law, and Mr. Lataner's letter revealed the fact that the law and the practice under his administration was a subterfuge and a farce.

He had talked about extravagant state expenditures, yet the published record of the Democratic Auditor of State shows that, in the first year of his administration, he spent more than his predecessor by \$1,575,004, and that the second year of his administration he spent more than in the first year by \$3,224,999.

He even has the temerity to speak of the housing of different departments of the state government in quarters that he had rented of his Democratic friend at exorbitant prices, when the facts are that the present administration is moving these departments back into the statehouse and into quarters just as commodious and satisfactory at less than half the rentals that he was paying. This has been done where ever he had not tied up the state with ironclad contracts covering the entire term of his successor.

When the present administration came into office, the Industrial Commission was occupying quarters for which a rental of \$23,140 was paid. It was found that quarters entirely satisfactory could be rented for \$10,800 a year, thus effecting an annual saving of \$12,340 in this single department. Well, that looked pretty good to us, and we at once arranged for the transfer, when we were confronted with a contract for the present high priced quarters. In December, 1914 an outgoing administration, before leaving Columbus, re-rented these quarters for two years at \$12,340 in excess of what we have arranged to pay for quarters on the same street and in every way satisfactory. This is a fair sample of my predecessors method of thwarting the will of the people by binding the state to pay its political debts out

of the public treasury under the guise of the law and preventing his successor from enforcing the mandate to the people to economize the public funds.

In spite of the burdens that my predecessor imposed upon the state by such performances as the one to which I have directed attention and by the creation of partisan commissions that he placed under the control of his political favorites, with appointments running through the entire term of the present administration, much has been done and many economies have been effected.



All this clamor of opposition to Governor Willis will have little weight with the voters. They recognize full well that it is natural that James M. Cox should like to displace Willis in the Governors chair. They know that there are thousands of office seekers who will yell their heads off for Cox, just as there will be a similar number of the same class who will insist that Willis be given another term. But the voters, who pause to think, will disregard the motives animating these men. Their judgement should and will rest upon what Governor Willis has done in the redemption of his campaign pledges. One of the most important of these pledges was economy. The people of this state have long felt that the administrations have multiplied jobs, increased expenditures and made taxation altogether too burdensome for the results rendered. The change to an executive, whose avowed policies and practices are retrenchment, keeping within the resources and insisting upon qualified and honest officeholders, all this is very welcome to the people of this state. Frank B. Willis can depend upon it that he will be gauged far more by such considerations, than by the denunciations of disappointed office seekers.

--East Liverpool-Evening Review.

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### "Matt Glaser Is All 'Fussed Up.'"

Matt Glaser, a two-by-four-or less-politician at Cincinnati, is "whoopin'-er-up" in his Cincinnati "Republican" for Fairbanks for President and "anybody-to-beat-Willis" for governor.

Matt is one of those "tariff-for-revenue-only" Republicans, and he and his little sheet might well be transported to the war zone where they are always starting something--some of whom are like Matt in that they are never able to finish it. And besides, gas is freely used in the war zone, you know.

We think more of Governor Willis every day because of some of the enemies he has made.

These fellows, whose patriotism is determined by a place at the public crib, are being found out. It's a pitiful tale they tell, but who cares? Certainly not the tax-payers.

--Lancaster Gazette.

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### IT'S USUAL ACCURACY.

With it's usual disregard of the facts, the Democratic press-bureau has circulated over the state a story that a \$ 2,400 position was created in the Tax Commission for Newton M. Miller. A few minutes examination would have shown the Democratic press-writer that the position in question has existed ever since the Tax-Commission was first organized six years ago, and has been provided for by every subsequent legislature with the above named appropriation. Mr. Miller was simply appointed to fill a vacancy. This incident of intentional deception is only typical. The Cox bureau knew better, but hoped to fool the people, just as it attempted to do the whole two years it directed affairs in Ohio. Every Cox-Bureau "story" that has been analyzed--and there have been hundreds of them--has been found to be an ~~exact~~ outright fabrication.

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The junior Senator from Ohio, Warren G. Harding, is the most talked of man for temporary chairman at the Republican National Convention. As such, he would sound the keynote of the party. Senator Harding ranks as one of the leading orators of the country. His speeches go straight to the point, with no stuff or fustian. Soundly Republican, believing in the principles of the party, he voices the need of conservative discrimination and less demagogery, of careful watchfulness for sane development. As such, he is peculiarly fitted to utter the opening speech of the convention this year.

--East Liverpool Review.

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### WOLFE IN SHEEP'S CLOTHING.

False labels are dangerous. Who can tell what might result from a label for syrup on a bottle of poison? But such deception is no worse than what **exists** at the State capital where a Democratic vial bears a Republican label and dispenses its poisons daily.

In the Saturday Evening Post of March 11th, that eminent writer, Mr. H. G. Wells, tells what might have happened to Great Britain had the Kaiser, previous to the war, secured the London Times, as was feared at the time when emissaries of the Kaiser, were doing such things and becoming indirectly factors in the English elections and also in the policies of that government.

Until within the past few years, the Ohio State Journal had been recognized as a reliable Republican paper and then it was secured by Democrats- the Wolfe brothers. It was their right to change its politics but not their right, when doing so, still to carry the Republican label. At no time under its present Democratic ownership has this paper supported the Republican state tickets or policies. Its course in 1916 is not the exception but the rule ever since it has been in the hands of the Democratic Wolfes. It assaulted Governor Harris in 1908, just as it is now attacking Willis. Its treatment of Senator Harding and General Brown as the standard bearers of 1910 and 1912 is still fresh in the minds of loyal Republicans. Sherman and Hanna and McKinley died before these Wolfes could get after them but Senators Foraker and Dick were both their victims as were all other leading Republicans who have been called to the colors.

The only Republican state administration we have been able to secure since this old state organ fell into the jaws of the Democratic Wolfes were those of Harris and Willis. The latter is now being maligned just as the former was misrepresented and abused eight years ago. Is there no protection for a Republican official any longer in Columbus? Has not the G.O.P. been hounded by these Wolfes in sheep's clothing long enough? All that the party asks for its representatives is a square deal and for all "dope" to bear the proper label.

-- Newark American Tribune.

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Just as the Bellaire Daily Leader sees the situation, Republican papers in all sections of Ohio are cognizant of the fact that a malicious hand is being played by Cox newspapers in Republican affairs.

The Leader says:

In an effort to create opposition to the candidacy of Gov. F. B. Willis to the national Republican convention, Cox newspapers throughout the state, particularly those of Columbus, are frantically striving to give the impression that the chief executive has absolutely no chance of attending the convention, through an expression of the voters' will.

These papers are loudly heralding the fact that Matt Glaser's weekly newspaper in Cincinnati has discredited the governor's candidacy and urges the good Republicans of Ohio to support the editor himself and Dr. S. O. Giffin of Columbus. Glaser and Giffin in a political scheme hatched out at the Neil House in this city a few weeks ago, nominated themselves as a candidates for the Big Four. Now Glaser begs the voters to send him to the convention, an ambition that all wise Republican politicians know can never be realized.

Matt Glaser has been repudiated more than once by former Senator Joseph B. Foraker and the Hamilton county Republican organization at a meeting last week ignored Glaser completely by unanimously voting an endorsement of Governor Willis, Senator Harding, William C. Proctor and John J. Sullivan as candidates to the national convention.

The rank and file of the Republican party is rapidly becoming acquainted with the underhanded methods of such men as Glaser, Griffin and Charles Gerish, who have been classed as "Republicans for revenue only" and will give them no encouragement whatever at the primaries in April.

Republicans throughout the state are rallying to the support of Governor Willis and the other three party candidates for the Big Four and their election is already practically assured.

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News letter of the Ohio Republican Editorial Association, Commercial Building, Columbus, Ohio.

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The Wolf-Cox-Finley interests had counted much on opposition to the Governor. They had used every tactic known to the shrewd politician to prevent an endorsement in Franklin County. Failing to put a stop to an endorsement, they had hoped to keep it from being unanimous. They had hoped to have some opposition, but there was not a dissenting vote. It was unanimous.

When the Franklin county committee threw this bomb into the camp of these politicians and by a vote silently let it be known that not one of the charges made against the administration were believed by the Republicans of Columbus and Franklin county, the two Wolfe papers proceeded to ridicule the endorsement of the Governor. These are the tactics that have been resorted to by this combination of politicians in every event where they could not get any recognition. The action of the Franklin county Republicans should be significant to every Republican in Ohio. This Committee knows what is going on in Columbus. Its members are in close touch with this administration. The resolution passed tells every Republican voter in Ohio that the Willis administration has made good in Ohio.

Senator Burton was also endorsed by the Franklin county committee, the endorsements being as follows:

WHEREAS, No Governor of the State of Ohio  
has faced so many difficult problems, as the present  
Governor.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that,

The Franklin County Republican Central Committee  
unqualifiedly endorse the administration of Governor Willis,  
as being one in which the highest welfare of the people of  
the State of Ohio ever has first consideration.

We furthermore most heartily approve the wise measures  
of economy which Governor Willis has made practical in the  
administration of the affairs of state and commend his  
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and consummated in acts of sanest governmental policy.

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Columbus, Ohio. March 23 - The stand taken by the State Administration that whether or not a saloon man held his license depended upon his obeying the law and not upon any contribution he might make to any political party, is meeting with most favorable comment from all parts of the state.

During the last few days the Liquor License commission has received a number of letters from county boards, complimenting the Administration on its stand. Prominent among these letters was one from the Hamilton County board. These boards maintain that it comes closer to taking the saloon business out of politics than any other steps that have been taken under the existing laws.

Governor Willis makes himself plain in the matter by saying that no saloon keeper in Ohio is to contribute to his or any other campaign to hold his license. His license depends solely upon his conduct in business.

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Not only is the splendid administration of Governor Willis recognized in his own state, but in other states as well. The Rocky Mountain News at Denver, the leading paper in Colorado, has the following to say regarding his handling of taxation matters in Ohio

#### A LESSON FROM WILLIS OHIO.

When Governor Willis of Ohio, a Progressive Republican, took up his duties a year ago, he found the Ohio tax commission the chief cog in the Democratic machine created by his predecessor in office. And in its day the Cox political juggernaut was a wonderful steamroller. The state commission had opportunity to spread its tentacles to the extreme corners of the state thru the appointment of deputy assessors in every county.

The new Governor did not adopt half measures in dealing with the situation. He knew very well that if he failed to act promptly and decisively his administration would be a failure. He removed the state tax commission and all of the deputy assessors, or as they are officially termed, county tax commissions. Out of a hundred and two removals three were reappointed.

It was claimed by the opposition that the step taken was political and unwarranted and so forth, but the people stood by the new executive. In explanation of the step taken, Governor Willis has written to his friends why he took such drastic action:

"The fact is the taxing machinery of the state has been used for political purposes and it was being so used evidently in such a manner as to influence the acts of legislature. I do not mean in any improper sense, but it is a matter of common knowledge in this state that the taxation machinery of the state has been used for political purposes. In this situation it seemed advisable to have in office men who were in sympathy with the plans and purposes of the present administration, consequently every deputy assessor in the state was removed. Their successors have been appointed, a new State tax commission has been appointed, and the work is proceeding smoothly and without hitch."

In Colorado the state tax commission was born of a political scheme. The appointments were dictated as part of that scheme. The commission from the outset has been partisan. It is doubtful whether today it has any sympathy with the state administration. There can be no question but what its acts have been detrimental to the administration from the purely partisan viewpoint: but what is more important, they have been a drawback to the state's prosperity. All the Commission can point to, anywhere, is increased taxation- State, county, city and school taxes.

If the influences which were responsible for the creation of the commission and its personnel can hold it as it is, we suppose the people must grin and bear it. Still we cannot help but admire the Willis way.

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Death-bed repentance is accepted as valid up above, but that of the Democratic Administration shown by the repeal on Thursday last of the free sugar clause in the Wilson tariff, may be unavailing here on this mundane sphere.

#### A DEMOCRATIC VIEW.

In spite of a considerable element of the parties on both sides of the political fence, it looks at this moment as though the Ohio political campaign would be waged with the same leaders as in campaign of 1914 - Governor Willis leading the Republicans as their candidate for Governor and former Governor Cox carrying the banner for the Democrats again.

With the same old candidates the same old issues so far as the state matters are concerned, are assured. In spite of efforts of a small coterie of Republicans to side track Governor Willis it is becoming increasingly certain that the Governor will be again handed the Republican ball to carry over the Democratic goal line next november. It will be noticed that most of the gentlemen who are sending up shouts in the Republican ranks that it will never do to nominate the Governor again, are pretty noisy individuals. You know the kind. Long on the lung stuff. You'd think to hear'em "hollow" that there was a regiment of 'em, when there is not in fact a corporal's guard -- The Week Democrat.

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The Week (Democratic) in its last issue, sums up the situation in Ohio very clearly. It says editorially that the position assumed by Former Governor Cox in relation to his candidacy for renomination is that of "Barkis is Willin" and that is all. In its resume of political affairs as regards the Republican side, The Week says:

"On the Republican side some interest attaches to the primary elections to be held on April 25-just five weeks from next Tuesday,- to select delegates,- district and state, to the Republican national convention. It is evident that an attempt is to be made in that election, in which Governor Willis will be a candidate for member of the Big Four,- to so discredit him by making him run behind the other leading candidates for the Big Four, as to make it seem unwise for him to run as candidate for the Governorship again.

It is hardly hoped for by the Governor's enemies to defeat him for delegate at large; if they had believed this to be within the range of possibility they would no doubt put but a single candidate against him. With three candidates in effect running against him, no one will probably get a substantial vote but the three together may have such a number as drawn from the strength of the governor will reduce his vote materially and enable his enemies to point to it and say "See that? That is the number of Republicans who don't like Governor Willis and will vote against him if he is a candidate for reelection."

It is evident that if Governor Willis is not to be a candidate for re-election he will have to withdraw voluntarily. His opponents can get no available member of the party to make the race for the nomination against him. So it is to be a test of the Governor's "skeerishness"- this delegate at large contest. His enemies are preparing to make a big "boob!" at him in concert to see if he cannot be scared off the track."

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Representatives of the Wilson administration were in Ohio last week to convert the Democrats to "preparedness" the Republicans have long favored it.

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It is difficult now to recall the number of times the administration at Washington declared a victory of diplomacy in settling the Lusitania case, but its diplomacy has another victory coming, for report now reaches it of the firing of a torpedo by a submarine, in the Mediterranean Sea, without notice, at an unarmed French merchantman, carrying 1500 passengers, 29 of whom are Americans and one of them a United States consul.

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Can the present disorganized majority in congress cope with the national conditions which will obtain when discontinuance of the European war drops the bottom out of our present property.

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In the Democratic law creating the highway department there was no specification or limitation of salaries.

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#### COX BLUE SKY LAW.

The organ of the late Governor Cox, which printed six columns of the arguments of the attorney general in support of the validity of Cox's vainly boasted Constructive legislation, the blue sky law, which was found unconstitutional unanimously by the United States court, is humiliated by having to print the news, as follows:

#### - WOULD EXPUNGE ANSWER

Geiger-Jones Company Wants Disclosures Erased  
"The Geiger-Jones Company of Canton filed in federal district court yesterday a motion, asking that the answer of Attorney General Turner, for State Bank Superintendent Hall, in the blue sky litigation, be stricken from the records on the ground that it is insufficient in law.

"The company further asks that, if the motion is overruled, the greater part of the answer, that setting forth the alleged wrongdoing of the Geiger-Jones Company be stricken out"

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A year ago the Cox newspapers wailed the wrecking of the Ohio State University by Governor Willis, through the removal of Dean Price from that institution, but the board of trustees, not Willis, was responsible for his failure of reelection, and the regular attendance has increased more than 500 and the summer school has shown a corresponding growth since his removal.

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On February 3rd, last year, notice of a meeting in Columbus of the State organization of the advocates of the Single Taxers closes with this sentence, "Peter Witt of Cleveland and Mayor Baker of the same city were also speakers of the evening".

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Four weeks or so ago Mexicans shot to death two Union soldiers, who were bathing in the Rio Grande. An American Lieutenant led a dozen soldiers in pursuit of the assassins and was arrested and held for court martial for invading Carranza's country. Now that the border army has been ordered to invade Mexico to punish assassins, will the lieutenant be released?

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To speak of an absurdity: Matt Glaser, who is pushed by the Democrats for position as one of the four delegates at large to the Republican National convention, challenges Governor Willis to debate in each of the big cities their comparative claims to membership in that convention. It would be equally fitting for a saloon keeper to challenge President Wilson to debate the prohibition national amendment in the capital of the United states.

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News letter of the Ohio Republican Editorial Association, Columbus, Ohio, March 27. Commercial Building.

Columbus, O. March 27- Realizing as they do that there was a political conspiracy entered into by Democrats and their allies in Columbus, to defeat certain Republicans for delegates-at-large to the Republican National Convention, the party organizations in all parts of state and the rank and file of the party are pledging their united support of United States Senator Warren G. Harding, Hon. John J. Sullivan, Col. William Cooper Proctor and Governor Willis for delegates.

Republicans realize this year, more than ever, that their strongest men must be sent to this convention. The platform will be of the utmost importance. Senator Harding will, in all probability, be chosen chairman of the convention. Governor Willis may present the name of Hon. Theodore E. Burton to the convention.

The attitude of the colored Republicans of Ohio, with regard to the delegates, is made clear in a letter sent to E. Howard Gilkey, editor of The Columbus Saturday Monitor, by Sidney B. Thompson, of Cleveland, and one of the most prominent colored men in Ohio. His letter, in part, is as follows:

Cleveland, Ohio, March 9th. 1916.

Mr. E. Howard Gilkey.  
Editor Columbus Saturday Monitor,  
Dear Sir:-

Permit me space in your valuable paper to make a public statement in reference to my being in Columbus on a recent date, in behalf of Mr. Ralph W. Tyler.

I wish to deny this statement emphatically. While I have the highest regards for Mr. Tyler as a man, under no condition can I support him or any other anti-administration candidate for delegate at large to the national convention.

I am a Republican in harmony with the Ohio slogan-- "Willis, Harding, Proctor and Sullivan." And for this reason, I can say without fear of contradiction, that I have been in over fifty counties in this state since the first of the year, and ninety-five percent of the colored Republican vote in every locality that I have visited, is in harmony with Governor Willis and the Republican administration of this state; and I feel that if the Democrat managers of the Finley-Cox machine want to send a colored man as a delegate-at-large to the national convention, they should put him on the Democratic ticket and not try to wedge in on the Republican ticket.

The colored people in Ohio are sick of Democratic rule and we are not going to allow the Democrats to put up a colored man under the disguise of a Republican. I can say with all honesty, excepting a few so-called leaders numbering about one dozen in the state of Ohio, that there is no dissatisfaction among the colored people toward Governor Willis or the Republican party. And I believe most sincerely that the united vote from the colored citizens of the great state of Ohio will be so overwhelming for the "Ohio Big Four" that Governor Willis' re-nomination and re-election is now assured.

I am personally interested in the success of the G.O. P. I shall endeavor to use my influence to help to elect the ticket that we nominate on August 8th. from top to bottom, whoever they may be. Again, I will say there is no dissatisfaction among the colored voters of this state, with a few exceptions of disappointed office-seekers, and I am glad to say I am not numbered in that class. Harmony is the watchword and this means victory.

Thanking you most sincerely,

(2228 E. 43rd. St.)

SYDNEY B. THOMPSON.  
Ex-Messenger to Ex) Governor Herrick.

Columbus O. March 27-- The colored Republicans of Xenia and Greene county, including such prominent colored men as Dr. A.A. Browne, Effron Greenway, Lieut. Henry P. Talbott and James LeRoy Everett, have announced that they will support Senator Warren G. Harding, Hon. John J. Sullivan, Col. William Cooper Proctor, and Governor Willis as delegates-at-large to the National Convention.



## TREASURER ARCHER IS PROUD

Two Millions Workmens Money Placed At 4.25 percent Interest

Columbus O. March 27--Bids for the use of \$ 1,907,800 of State Insurance money opened Monday of this week and interest ranging from 2.76 per cent to 4.55 per cent was offered by banks throughout the state.

State Treasurer Archer has reason to feel proud of the complimentary bids offered, as they are by far, the highest ever made for state funds. More than two million dollars were asked for, at rates of interest over 4.05 per cent, and the average rate of interest at which this money is to be awarded is 4.25 per cent. The average rate of interest for state insurance funds under the administration of Mr. Archer's predecessor, was 4.185 per cent. The difference--0.0065 per cent will net the state \$ 12,399.95 more in interest per year than has been received in the past two years.

A meeting of the State Board of Deposits, composed of State Treasurer Archer, Attorney-General E.C. Turner and Superintendent of Banks, Harry Hall, will be held Friday, March 24th. at which time the banks that were successful in the bidding will be awarded the money.

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## EUROPEAN POWERS EASY TO FRIGHTEN

M The great nations of the world all being in a struggle which jeopardizes their existence, Japan establishes a protectorate over the Chinese Republic, forcing commercial concessions and closing the door to American enterprise, which the great John Hay had opened by "shirt-sleeve" diplomacy. Russia, Germany, France and England, who were in diplomatic strife for spheres of influence in China, were powerless to resist Japan's greed for the great prizes.

If these European nations, because of their present involvement in war, dared not oppose this stupendous robbery by Japan, is it not safe to assume that no one of them would undertake to thwart the just demands of the United States if accompanied by a show of force?

--Columbus Saturday Monitor.

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## WILSON HELD WHEAT DOWN TO NORMAL

The effort made by the President to prevent an increase in the price of wheat was recited in the Washington news of January 16, 1915. It follows:

"President Wilson directed Attorney-General Gregory to investigate whether there had been any violations of law in the rise of prices of wheat and flour.

"From various sources, suggestions have been made to the president that an embargo be laid on wheat and flour exports to keep home prices normal. Officials declined today to comment on any of them."

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## THE PACIFIST

The feeble sentimentalists, feeling unequal to the stress of a great crisis, declare themselves Pacifists and claim the Golden Rule as their protector. This rule is the ideal basis for society, and will be in force when the millennium comes, but in the mean time, we will continue the struggle for existence which, and which alone, has brought man to his present state of physical and mental development.

In the present national stress, the pacifists have a leader, peerless as an expounder of visions, unfettered by facts--Bryan, the Billiken, the god of things as they ought to be.

Persons who have mental and moral stamina, who accept the facts effecting civilized society, are ready to face them fearlessly for the very pleasure of the necessary conflict, while the pacifist quails at the thought of strife in which virility and intelligence are demanded.

--Columbus Saturday Monitor.

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Bids on forty-two state road contracts, estimated at \$1,465,784.07 including the cost of bridge structures, will be received by the State Highway Commissioner, Clinton Cowen, on Friday, April 7th. at 2:00 P.M.

This contemplates the construction of over ninety-four miles of road of various types in thirty counties in Ohio.

Commissioner Cowen said today, in discussing the big letting:

"The fact that we are able to let so many jobs at this early date, attests the sound interest in road matters in the various counties of Ohio and their active co-operation in assisting this Department to secure an early start in construction work this season. It also shows what can be accomplished under the new Cass Highway Law. We expect to let contracts at close intervals until our entire program for 1916 is under way. With poor weather conditions last season, we were able to complete 360 miles of construction in addition to repairing 905 miles of road, and with reasonably good weather this year, we hope to present to the public for travel, 500 additional miles of construction, in addition to at least a thousand miles of road repaired to a first-class condition for travel."

The following are the contracts to be let on April 7th. Each county is co-operating with the State in the cost of these improvements.

<u>County.</u>	<u>Section.</u>	<u>Road.</u>	<u>Length.</u>
Ashland	"F"	Savannah-Vermilion	0.03
Ashtabula	"E"	Cleveland-Buffalo	6.47
Ashtabula	"J"	Jefferson-Andover	6.30
Belmont	"H"	Barnesville-Hendrysburg	2.41
Butler	"H"	Hamilton-Middletown	Bridge
Champaign	"L"	Urbana-Sidney	Bridge
Columbiana	"Q"	Cleveland-East Liverpool	0.08
Darke	"E"	Celina-Greenville	3.08
Erie	"O"	Sandusky-Norwalk	2.09
Franklin	"H"	Columbus-Sandusky	0.72
Guernsey	"L"	Columbus-Caldwell	1.25
Guernsey	"K"	National	7.48
Greene	"P"	Dayton-Chillicothe	2.21
Holmes	"H"	Columbus-Millersburg	1.56
Harrison	"P"	Dennison-Cadiz	5.59
Jefferson	"H"	Steubenville-Cambridge	1.15
Lake	"A"	Painesville-Warren	1.52
Licking	"Q"	Columbus-Millersburg	0.55
Mahoning	"S"	Akron-Canfield	2.46
Mahoning	"P"	Youngstown-Salem	1.50
Montgomery	"M"	Dayton-Troy	1.29
Montgomery	"N"	Cincinnati-Dayton	1.47
Montgomery	"O"	Dayton-Troy	1.01
Morrow	"F"	Mt Gilead-Mt Vernon	5.89
Morrow	"G"	Marion-Galion	2.46
Muskingum	"L"	Zanesville-Caldwell	1.78
Madison	"E"	Urbana-London	3.28
Ottawa	"F"	Port Clinton-Marblehead	3.50
Portage	"H"	Cleveland-Kent	2.74
Scioto	"E"	Ohio River	2.95
Seneca	"P"	Upper Sandusky-Belleview	2.46
Seneca	"O"	Tiffin-Belleview	1.59
Sandusky	"O"	Fremont-Port Clinton	1.20
Sandusky	"P"	Sandusky-Clyde	1.09
Summit	"P"	Akron-Medina	1.62
Summit	"Q"	Akron-Canton	2.29
Tuscarawas	"N"	Canal Dover-Millersburg	1.64
Tuscarawas	"M"	Canal Dover-Wooster	1.00
Tuscarawas	"L"	Newcomerstown-Urichsville	.82
Wayne	"N"	Massillon-Wooster	5.83
Williams	"L"	West Unity-Montpelier	1.94
Sandusky	"N"	Fremont-Castalia	1.01

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Columbus O. March 27--The unfriendly press of Columbus charged in a Sunday edition a couple of weeks ago that the present state administration would not build any more highways in order that it might have more money in the treasury at the end of the second year. The statement is answered by the Highway Department advertising for bids for nearly a hundred miles of state highways.

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Columbus O. March 27-- The Republicans of Logan county have endorsed Harding, Willis, Proctor and Sullivan as delegates at large to the Republican National Convention.

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Columbus O. March 27--Everything is set for the biggest year in the history of the Buckeye Junior Contests. The Board of Agriculture, under the direction of Hon. G.A. Stauffer, the new secretary, is making arrangements to make this year the banner year. The work is progressing nicely and director J.R. Clark of the Bureau of Junior Contests will have some interesting news for the boys and girls who will enter the different contests.

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The Chicago Tribune, the world's greatest newspaper, complains:

"With a few honorable exceptions, the United States Senate is a composition of ignorance, selfishness, personal avarice, political greed, stupidity, blatancy, flamboyance and asininity to be equaled only by the same composition to be found in the house of Representatives of the United States Congress.

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The New York Times, in an editorial concerning Hon. Newton D. Baker, the new secretary of war, says:

"He is a native of West Virginia and is still in the prime of life. His first training for public service was obtained as private secretary to William L. Wilson. He could not have been associated in his young manhood with an abler and wiser statesman."

Having been born south of the Mason and Dixon's line, and trained in his early political days by William L. Wilson, made him perfectly eligible for a place in President Wilson's cabinet. No other Ohio Democrat is known who possesses these fundamental requisites.

--The Scioto Gazette.

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One would think from the amount of uncollectible taxes on the imaginary property, which the last Administration put upon the tax duplicate, in its attempt to show the value of the late, lamented Warnes law, that the assessors had gone into the graveyards and put all of the tombstones on the list. However, the Warnes law needed a tombstone and this unheard of sum of uncollectible taxes is a fitting monument.

--Mansfield News.

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Has the Democratic party proved itself competent for the responsibilities of national government?

Wilson is the first president to call into his cabinet a Single Taxer.

--Columbus Saturday Monitor.

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If Hiram Maxim wishes to perform a real service to his unprepared nation, he should invent a "silencer" for the muzzle-loading, scatter-fire politicians with an endless talk appliance.

--Sioux City Tribune.

Yes, and make it include himself and Munsterberg and General Wood and some others.

--Democratic Exchange.

And the "some others" should include all pronounced pacifists, irrational reformers, mischievous theorists, silly sentimentalists and jangling journalists--who busy themselves firing blank cartridges at adequate preparedness.

--Columbus Saturday Monitor.

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Columbus O. March 30--The eyes of every state in the Union are on Ohio. The candidacy of Hon. Theodore E. Burton for president is gaining favor in every section of the nation. Where states have favorite sons, Ohio's candidate is second choice in many instances.

Ohio is being watched for other reasons. It is expected that her junior senator, Warren G. Harding, will be elected as temporary chairman and that her governor, Hon. Frank B. Willis, will present the name of her candidate for the presidency.

Ohio Republicans are being congratulated upon their choice of men to represent them as delegates at large to this important convention. Probably no convention in the history of the country has ever been looked forward to with more anticipation. There are vital measures to come before the convention. There are policies to be considered which will require the best minds to solve.

The Republicans in practically every county in Ohio have endorsed Senator Harding, Governor Willis, Hon. John J. Sullivan of Cleveland and Col. William Proctor of Cincinnati.

There will be three candidates for delegates-at-large on the Republican primary ballot other than those mentioned above. One of these is Matt Glaser of Cincinnati. His county committees have repudiated his candidacy by endorsing Governor Willis, Senator Harding, and Messrs. Proctor and Sullivan.

Another name will be that of Dr. Giffin of Columbus. His county committee has repudiated his candidacy.

Still another name will be that of Ralph Tyler, of Columbus. The latter is a colored man and stands high with his race, but since the colored people of Ohio know that he was brought out by the Democratic interests, they will not support him for delegate. The most prominent colored men in Ohio have already made known their intention to support the regular Republican nominees.

It is important that every Republican in the state familiarize himself with the men who stand for the highest and best in the party and that they see that the vote is cast for them at the primary election April 25.

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The final saving of the Ohio Panama Exposition Commission amounts to \$42,557.00. The appropriation of \$174,089.00 was made under Harmon, Cox and Willis. More was turned back under the Willis administration than was appropriated by it.

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The Cox-Finley press bureau says the Republican Big Four candidates are the result of a "slate." Well, who named Cox, Campbell, Pomerene and Harmon?

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The vote given Pomerene and Cox in the Presidential Primary will be very significant.

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The name of Governor Willis will be printed last on the Presidential primary ballot. Look for it there.

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The Highway Department is preparing to sell nearly a hundred miles of country roads.

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For the first time in its history the Boiler Department of the Industrial Commission is being placed on a paying basis by Chief Inspector J. C. Callery.

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Bucket shops and Loan Sharks know something about the efficiency of the Ohio Banking Department under the present administration.

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Governor Willis will go down in history as one of Ohio's greatest business governors.



## THERE'S A DIFFERENCE

It is amusing to hear the frenzied wail which goes up over the fact that out of the innumerable requests the governor receives, begging him to appear at various gatherings throughout the state, he now and then runs out for an evening and delivers an address. These same papers which are the mouth-pieces of the Cox wing of the democratic party, were silent and dumb when their uncrowned hero was in the governor's chair, and his Tallegrand, Bill Finley, laid awake of nights devising schemes and concocting all kinds of excuses to get up a series of political gatherings, or so-called "get acquainted meetings," where the governor could go and introduce merchants to their customers, farmers to their neighbors and children to their parents, and afford an excuse for him, under the guise of a non-political gathering, to impart political wisdom to the unsuspecting.

It is notorious that the ex-governor was absent from his office whole weeks at a time, but these same papers never so much as opened their mouths. Neither do they seem to be particularly annoyed when the president lays off a month to spend his honeymoon, or goes for a week for a sail down the Patomac, or spends a week-end down in dear old Virginia where he and his helpmeet were born and reared.

Why then this uproar about Willis running out for an evening? Because it hurts. The Governor always has something worth while to say. He is in great demand from not only this but many other states as an orator of unusual ability and as one abreast of the times to whom the people gladly listen. No wonder the opposition would like to scare him off the track. No wonder they do not want the people to have a chance to hear him. He always strikes ten because he has studied the vital questions of the hour, and the opposition knows that he strengthens himself every time he appears before a thinking audience. It knows that to hear him is the surest way to give the lie to those who have so persistently vituperated and misrepresented him, for partisan purposes of the basest sort.

But the howl will be in vain. Not a single duty has the governor neglected since he came into the office, and not a single duty will he neglect. He will always be found at the post of duty when public business requires his presence in the office; and despite the hypocritical wail of those who would gladly call him off, he will continue to accept such invitations to address public gatherings as he feels that he can safely do without neglecting the duties of his office.

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Isn't it funny that the only state official who has added one third to the expense of conducting his office, the only one who has such an array of clerks in his department that they can be found most any time of day sitting with their lazy legs on the convenient tables, concocting new stories to peddle out to the press, concerning the republican party---isn't it funny that the most extravagant department in the state service should be the one which shouts most loudly about economy, and most severely criticises other departments for their expenditures? But the people are wise to the situation and at the next election will give their opinion at the polls of Mr. Donahey's departmental methods and his democratic hypocrisy. Never in the history of the state has an administration so cut down the payroll of its predecessor as has the present administration, and the people know it. Never has such economy been practiced, and never has an administration inherited so many unpaid debts, or been confronted with so many contracts entered into--some of them on the very last day by the preceeding administration--which must be paid for, as the present. You can't fool the people. They know it.

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The last administration put enough fake valuations on the tax duplicate to entomb the Warnes law forever.

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State Treasurer Archer has already made the enviable record as being the best state treasurer Ohio has ever had.

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When Andrew L. Harris was governor, it cost \$ 9,000,000 a year to run the government of the state. Under the administrations of Harmon and Cox, the cost made a jump to \$ 20,000,000 per annum. Is it any wonder that the Democratic machine is trying to ridicule the Willis policy of cutting down state expenses, in an effort to bring back the old Cox money-sewing machine?

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Columbus O. March 31-- Governor Willis, in an address at the Republican Banquet at Napoleon Thursday evening, gave the following very interesting history and explanation of the Workmen's Compensation act:

The history of the Workmen's Compensation legislation in Ohio is interesting and instructive; but the writing of that history by my distinguished predecessor and his partisan associates may, in all seriousness be characterized as the most marvelous output of modern political literature. Its claims startle the truth-seeking citizen and provoke the mirth of those acquainted with the facts.

The agitation for the enactment of Workmen's Compensation laws began in this country years ago. It reached Ohio in the administration of Governor Harmon and found such favor in the legislature that a bill was passed providing for the appointment of a commission to investigate the whole subject. The report of this commission, published in a volume of 950 pages, was submitted to the General Assembly in 1911, and a Workmen's Compensation law was enacted in accordance with its recommendations. This law was supported in the legislature by members without regard to political affiliation. The Constitutional Convention took up the subject and submitted a proposal approved by the labor leaders of that convention. The author of that proposal, a labor member from Hamilton county and a Republican, by the way, in his speech declared that its purpose was to protect the Workmen's Compensation law by making sure its constitutionality and opening up the way for future amendments, if such were found necessary or desirable. This proposal passed the convention without a dissenting vote and was approved at the special election of 1912 by an overwhelming majority. At that time ten states had adopted laws similar to the one in force in Ohio.

Well, Gentlemen, I submit to you that, at the close of the year 1912, Workmen's Compensation laws were not a new thing in this country or in the state of Ohio. At the ever memorable session of the General Assembly of 1913, when the laws of the state were overhauled and besprinkled in almost every line with the imperialistic provisions, "by and with the consent of the governor," some changes were made in the compensation law already on the statute books. Scarcely had the legislature been dismissed and sent home, when the proclamation went forth that the beneficent principles of Workmen's compensation in the United States of America, including the Buckeye commonwealth, originated in the brain of my predecessor and in accordance with his benevolent dispensation to the people of this state and this continent. The work of the administration of Governor Harmon and the Constitutional Convention was consigned to potsherds of oblivion and the people were invited to look up with gratitude to their new ruler, the supreme source of temporal blessings and beneficent ministrations.

This was the story that my predecessor and his henchmen dinned into the ears of the public all through the campaign of 1914. The campaign against him, he tried to make the people believe, and especially the workingmen, was an organized effort to steal away their rights to life, liberty and happiness, which he had taken into benevolent possession in the interests of human progress and the perpetuation of his kingdom. The people of Ohio were told that the Republican party was bent on the immediate destruction of the Workmen's Compensation law. The people were not deceived. The Republican party was restored to power and not a section, a line or a letter of the Workmen's Compensation act has been changed.

Scarcely had the legislature adjourned, when the Finley press bureau, whose chief purpose it has been to exhibit the bruises sustained by my predecessor in his fall from the throne, began to utter dire prophecies of the calamities that would happen to labor under the administration of the Workmen's Compensation act.

We are now approaching the end of the first fiscal year of the present administration. The Industrial Commission is passing upon more claims than ever before in its history. The Workmen's Compensation act is administered in spirit and in letter; and the disgruntled and deposed who are croaking through their press bureau for political revenue only are taking to the tall timber in the hope that the people will forget their exploded predictions and false prophecies.



They charged Judge Taggart, Superintendent of Insurance, with an effort to injure the law, and they have been overwhelmed with the proof that Judge Taggart has administered the affairs of his department in strict accord with the law and the precedents established in his office by those who are now attempting to criticize him.

In the entire state, who has suffered or been deprived of his rights under the workmen's compensation act by this administration? Point us out a man. And I ask you, Fellow Republicans, to pass this challenge all along the line. If our opponents cannot put up a case they ought to shut up. Of course they will not do that, but their wailings will be in vain.

Workmen's Compensation belongs to the humanitarian progress of our time. It belongs to no man and to no party, and no change will be made in the law or its administration that will take one jot or tittle from the benefits that it vouchsafes to the sons of toil in Ohio.

The Department of Investigations and Statistics under the Industrial Commission has for several weeks past been engaged in an investigation in job-selling by foremen in large industrial plants of the state. The fee levied upon ~~xxxx~~ workingmen has sometimes been as high as \$30 for jobs paying 25 cents an hour. And the plan usually was not only to levy an initial fee, but to demand continued payment from time to time after the employment began. A halt has been called to this demoralizing system of graft, and investigation will be pursued until it is brought to an end. The spirit of the times will not tolerate such practices in public or private service. The traffic in jobs must cease whether carried on by employment agents in the service of corporations or by henchmen in the service of political bosses.

The General Assembly at its last session enacted what is known as the "Loan Shark" law which will put an end to the outrageous usury that has long been practiced in our cities and some of the smaller towns upon the poor who are forced, under dire necessity, to borrow money. The exactions that have been practiced upon these unfortunates would make a sorrowful chapter in our history, if it were truthfully written. By resorting to every scheme that cunning could devise, the loan-shark has worked upon the fears of his victim until he has exacted from him not only the amount of the original loan, but rates of interest sometimes exceeding one hundred per cent. The loan-shark bill which failed to pass in a previous legislature is now a law, and through it the poor in our state will be saved a sum of money aggregating, according to conservative estimate, one million dollars annually.

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State Commissions, as now constituted, are subject to fault-finding from the remnant of the old Cox machine and disappointed office seekers only. Money is being saved the state in every department of the present administration.

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Former Governor Cox offers to present himself a "living sacrifice" in the interests of the president. And the people seem to be more than willing that he should make that sacrifice.

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The Finley-Cox organization seems to think that the farmer hasn't brains enough to realize when his taxes are higher from road and school improvements and when the rise is due to state expenses.

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Governor Willis recently removed a boiler inspector; the State Journal says they do not know the reason for the removal but charge that Willis is wrong in the matter.

--Bucyrus Telegraph.

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It takes a long while, sometimes, to stop all of the leaks of an extravagant administration. When a stream is pouring out from the bung, the smaller leaks at the spigot may be overlooked while the larger stream is receiving attention. When the present administration came into power, it found the public funds pouring out in streams, not only from the spigot and the bung, but from between the staves. It began to curtail by cutting down exorbitant salaries, removing and abolishing useless offices, created only to give places to some political henchmen, and by a general assault upon extravagance all along the line. Now it is paying some attention to the minor things. Notwithstanding the fact that the city of Columbus boasts of having the finest water in the state, and advertises it as one hundred per cent pure, it was not of a quality sufficiently refined to quench the thirst of the Cox-Finley aggregation, and each office in the state house and in the many rented buildings throughout the city was buying, at public expense, water from some spring or mineral fountain gushing from some hillside, from which the tanks were daily filled to tickle the refined palates of these over-paid representatives of the public.

Last week the governor had his attention called to this unnecessary expenditure, and he called a halt to it. Columbus water is pure enough for him, and he thought it pure enough for those who serve the state. The water contracts were not renewed. They will not be. These were comparatively small sums, but it is the proverbial small leak which sinks the ship, and the governor is determined to stop every leak and cut off every unnecessary expenditure of the public money while he is in office.

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It is said that the recent advance in the price of meat adds an additional burden of near a thousand dollars a week to the state in its purchases to feed the twenty-two thousand wards which it is feeding in its various public institutions. That calls to mind the faithful promise of the democratic party during the campaign of 1912, that if placed in power it would "reduce the high cost of living." Doesn't that phrase sound familiar? But what has become of the promise so faithfully made and so soon forgotten? Did the party come into power under false pretenses? If not, why this advance in the cost of all of the necessities of life?

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If voters would pay more attention to the primaries, they would have less cause to growl about the way the government is run. The primary is the very foundation stone of the political fabric. If proper men are selected to stand as candidates, and to represent the party at the conventions and write its platforms, there will be no cause to complain; but if the wrong men are selected to represent the party, no amount of kicking can rectify the mistake. Every republican should be awake to the necessity of sending to the Chicago convention, representative men, whose judgement can be relied upon to select candidates and write the platform of the party. No self-seeker should be chosen. Harding, Willis, Proctor and Sullivan are the Big Four who measure up to the job, and who will be selected by the republican voters of the state.

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Columbus O. March 31--Plans are being completed for the summer meeting, of Republicans of Ohio, in Columbus in August. The date of the reunion has not been decided upon, but the program is being mapped out and it will be the biggest Republican gathering in Ohio in recent years. The Republican nominee for President will be the main speaker of the occasion, and the reunion will be a sort of ratification meeting of the state and national republican platforms and of the state and national tickets.

Harry Minich, of Tuscarawas county, who is the father of the reunion idea, was in Columbus during the early part of the week. He says that the plans insure the August meeting of being the largest Republican gathering in the history of the state. He also says that he has received word from every section of Ohio and that he has never seen so much Republican enthusiasm as there is this year.

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News letter of the Ohio Republican Editorial Association, Columbus,  
Ohio, Commercial Building. Wed. April 5th. 1916.

If it were not for the kickers, what a staid old world this would be. They furnish the real excitement and entertainment for the rest of humanity. And especially in the political realm are they both entertaining and amusing. Nine times out of ten, those who hold political office are at least as honest and sincere as those who do not hold office, and areas competent and faithful as those who have held the same offices in preceeding years, yet we have the scream of the kicker against practically every man who holds a responsible position in the political realm. One would think, to read the political dope handed out from week to week, that the whole body politic was aroused against some man in office, when, as a matter of fact, not one in a thousand is paying attention to the kicks and knocks. The redeeming feature is that the people know that the political dope handed out by the fellows who make a living by thus amusing the crowd, is but the re-hash of the mouthings of some disappointed office-seeker; and care no more about it than they do for the frothing of the waves which spend their force and break themselves against the shore. More than nine times out of ten, the political knocker, who inveighs against men in office, is moved by no higher motive than to "get even" for being turned down for some petty place which he sought. Run through the whole gamut of complaints set forth by these pure-minded patriots, and there is not a single real reason assigned for the kick. Underneath, and as he thinks hid from sight, is the real reason for the opposition---failure to get up to the counter and hook a nice piece of pie.

It is safe to ask most any knocker--"Let me see, what particular plum pudding or juicy pie did you grab for and fail to get?" Then, if he does not answer, drop a line to the man against whom he is directing his pop-gun fusillade and ask him to impart the information, and the fact will be revealed that it was either plum or pie crust which soured the political stomach of the growler, and inspired his assault.

As soon as men are elected to offices which carry patronage, they are besought by an army of office seekers, who begin to tell of their merits and great love for and service to the party. If they fail to land an appointment, a large part of them, realizing that not every man can be appointed, go quietly about their business; and these are the really worth-while type who would have made good if they had been so fortunate as to land. But the little fellows who would have been utterly worthless had they been able to land, immediately begin to advertise their littleness by seeking some flimsy excuse to assail the political power which turned them down, and continue to knock on every occasion. But no one is fooled. The knocker knocks himself harder than he does anyone else, and only advertizes to the world his unfitness for any job. The man who cannot stand defeat is not of the kind of fiber to make good should he be given the chance.

But all the hubbub of the coterie of disappointed knockers does not disturb the great mass of honest people going about their business, and caring not a rap for the frothings of the disgruntled howler. It is amusing to the last degree to hear men, who have been attempting to "boss" all their lives, and to dictate appointments, tearing their hair and bellowing like the Bulls of Bashan about the "bosses." It is hilariously funny to hear the fellows who tried to dictate, yell themselves hoarse about the dictation of others. But, dear knocker, the people "are on." You deceive only yourself. The people have your measure; they know the secret of your outcry. You amuse the few who listen to you, but you do not convince.

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That man who discovers a real wrong being done to the body-politic by one holding a public place, is a real patriot; but the fellow who seeks to gratify his malice and satisfy his spleen by howling like a wounded lion, licking his own wounds, disturbs the silence of the wilderness to no purpose.

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In both public and private life, men make their greatest mistakes in attempting to do spectacular things. The old-fashioned, straight-forward course is best and wins in the end.

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The democratic papers are carrying special headlines to announce that auditor Donahey held the oil on the state lands for several months, and thereby made a nice margin by selling at an opportune time. Who authorized the Auditor to speculate with the people's money? Does anyone who knows the uncertainties of the oil market not know that oil is just as likely to go down as up? Does not everyone know that the market has been up and down a score of times in the last few years? Is there any more certainty of it staying up at this crucial time in financial affairs than there is that any other commodity, which is bought and sold on 'change, will stay up? Isn't the price of wheat and corn fluctuating daily? If he were in charge of the farmland of the state, would he hold the grain and take a chance of making a "speck" for the state? What if the oil had gone down in these months which he has held it? Who would have been the loser? This time he happened to win; but who knows whether or not he will win the next time he ventures with state property? Does the state want men who will "take chances" with its products on the markets? Would it not prefer the same tactics which any public official should take and sell when the oil is run, and on the markets as they then are? Does the state seek for speculation in the management of its official business? Oil, like everything else, seems now to be about at the top-notch, and in all probability it will break along with many other inflated commodities. At least this is the experience of the past. What does auditor Donahey propose to do now? Will he hold the next time taking chances for another raise, and running the risk of a sudden slump, or will he sell on the market when the oil is run? We fear that instead of being a thing to boast of, because he won once, his action is rather to be severely criticised as smacking of the speculations of Wall Street. We think the people will approve the good old way of handling the people's property along conservative lines. Speculators in office are not usually profitable to the people. Because of the fact that the auditor won in his first gamble, we hope no other department will be moved to emulate his example.

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There is a very fascinating story entitled---"Speculations on Wall Street." In the opening chapters the hero seems to be getting rich; but in a little time his luck changes and he ends in the poor house.

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What has become of Billy Bryan? We have not heard from him for more than a week.

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The following is from "The Week", the leading democratic paper of Columbus, and well explains the situation:..

"Probably for the reason that he is being singled out from all the candidates in the April primary election ticket, for attack, Governor Willis' friends are making their own organizations in a number of places over the state for defense. Such an organization is at work in Cleveland, and the governor's enemies have made use of the fact to make it appear that the governor is not trusting his colleagues in the regular organization. That is not it at all. It is not fair that the regular organization should be called upon to make a special defense of one candidate, no matter who he may be. The governor's special friends feel that he should be defended from unfair attacks and they have joined in doing so. That is all there is to it."

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Harmon, Cox, Pomerene and Campbell, the hand-picked "Big Four" who are to represent the Ohio Democracy in the national convention, have been "hogging the persimmons" so long that no other democrat ever thinks of trying to get a look in. The erstwhile Harvey Garber, John J. Lentz and a score of other oldtime celebrities have been so completely ignored and trampled upon, that the party has come to think only of this hand-picked quartet as embodying all of the political wisdom and sagacity of the state.

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Hon. Champ Clark, speaker of the National House of Representatives, handed out these caustic words the other day to the chaps who have been criticising Congress and shouting--"Adjourn and go Home!"

"No house in the 22 years I have been here has worked so steadily and so industriously as this one. It has not adjourned over a single day since it convened on January 3--a remarkable record--and has worked five, six and seven hours a day, with an occasional night session.

"Of course some of these critics without any responsibility, could pass bills carrying \$ 1,000,000,000 in a few hours, but the members who are responsible, cannot pass bills that way, and the tax-payers who foot the bills do not want them passed that way.

"One other thing: Some of these wiseacres who want important measures far-reaching and vital to the republic, passed while you wait, seek to create the impression that the president is anxious for Congress to adjourn before the conventions and that Congress is wickedly thwarting him. Every human being with two ideas above a Hottentot knows that Congress is just as anxious to adjourn before the conventions as the president is. Why in heaven's name would Congress desire to remain in Washington even one day longer than is absolutely necessary for the purpose of transaction of public business."

Doesn't that sound familiar? When the last Ohio legislature was in session, trying to weed out from the mass of stuff which its predecessor had placed upon the statute books, that which was most objectionable, without interfering with legitimate business, it was assailed by a lot of little fellows who wouldn't know the difference between the law and a lawnmower, shouting--"Adjourn and go home." It is disgusting to men of calibre, who are doing things, to hear a pack of pin-heads howling like a hyenas at every move they make. However, the Hon. Champ Clark should not be too much disturbed when that branch of the government which his party controls, gets a dose of the same medicine which its spokesmen are handing out to others.

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Since Newton Baker got a place in the Cabinet, he has not uttered an audible word about the democratic party being a failure. Has he so soon redeemed it? Strange how an office changes one's view-point in life. But is it understood that the way to get a place under the national administration is to assail the competency of the party? It must have been that Baker voiced the sentiments of the president, for his telegram to Senator Pomeroy was scarcely cold until the president called the critic into his official family.

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It would be interesting to hear Senator Underwood repeat that old speech of his made during the campaign of 1912, in which he started the poor man at his doorway and showed how the iniquitous Republican Tariff taxed everything from the door-mat to the rag-rug in the attic, in order to support the government. He could add a great many new things to that list now--he could show how he pays a tax on every telegram he sends; on every telephone message he receives; on every bottle of medicine he buys to cure his family ills; on every package he ships by express; on every promissory note he is forced to give because of democratic prosperity; on every can of milk he ships to feed the nation's babies; on every deed, mortgage or power of attorney--in short on a thousand other things of every day use which were not taxed in 1912 under the iniquitous republican tariff. It is only right for us to expect that Senator Underwood will revise his old speech this fall and give the people all of these added details.

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Every Ohioan, regardless of party, should be proud of the record of Senator Harding. Most men are scarcely heard from on their first term, but Warren G. is right up in the front rank, and his utterances are as eagerly listened to as any man in that august body. He has made good from the very first day. That is the class of men Ohio should send to the Senate. We have plenty more like him. Ohio used to stand in the fore front at the national capital, and she will again.



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Columbus O. April 10-- All of this talk of Governor Willis being a candidate for the vice-presidency, and the dastardly stories being sent out from the state capitol that he and his friends are "single-shottings" and bickering for the colored vote, is all "bosh." Governor Willis is a candidate for re-election as Governor of Ohio, on his record of efficiency and economy. He is a candidate for delegate-at-large to the Republican National Convention because the people of Ohio, and Ohio's candidate for the presidency, want him to go to the convention.

Senator Burton said in Columbus last week that he wanted the Governor to go to the convention, and it has been the custom of the Republican party in Ohio for fifty years to send the governor as a delegate. All other talk is mere political rot, hatched by the enemies of good government and those who have not been able to control patronage under this administration.

As far as the colored vote is concerned, Governor Willis deserves it, expects it and will receive it. The Governor has been a friend of the race in his every act since his political career began, and the leaders of the race know it. No end of slanderous statements against him will make any difference at the polls on April 25.

Forgetting that former governors Cox, Harmon, Campbell, and Senator Pomerene were selected in the same manner, the democratic press bureau and the two Columbus Democratic papers controlled by Bob Wolfe and former governor Cox, are shouting to the galleries that the four candidates chosen by the Republicans are the result of a slate. Ohio Republicans will win this year and they want a representative delegation at large and that is the reason that each county in its turn is endorsing the candidacies of Governor Willis, Senator Harding, Col. William Cooper Proctor and Hon. John J. Sullivan. In these, Ohio Republicans will have a delegation which will make itself felt in the great deliberations of the party, in June.

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Tuscarawas county on last Tuesday endorsed the Willis administration and the Willis, Harding, Proctor, Sullivan Big Four, for delegates at large to the National Convention at Chicago.

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It would have been nice for the two gentlemen the Democrats are supporting for place in the Big Four to the Republican National Convention, who are campaigning together, to belong to the same Secret Society; anyway, Dr. Giffin is a high official in the Jr. Order of American Mechanics, and Mr. Matt Glaser asked to be taken in down in his own home town of Cincinnati, a week after he announced his candidacy for delegate to Chicago. He was black-balled.

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#### PLANKS TO WIN ON

In a meeting of the Republican leaders of Indiana, it was agreed that the state platform should contain the following planks:

A strong declaration favoring restoration of the Republican Protective Tariff.

An emphatic plank declaring for adequate preparedness for war.

Protection of American citizens abroad.

A general attack on the present Democratic state administration.

Opposition to the general Foreign Policy of the Wilson administration.

A plank favoring lower taxes, and reduction in the expenditure of state funds.

The general trend of the remarks was that the platform should be brief.

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Junior Order is Still Non-Partisan  
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The JUNIOR PATRIOT, devoted to the interests of the Junior Order United American Mechanics, and the Daughters of America, of Southern Ohio and Northern Kentucky, in its issue for April, under the above head, prints an official statement as follows:

"At a meeting of the State Board of Officers, Jr.O.U.A.M., an effectual quietus was put to the rumor that this organization was to embark in partisan politics at the coming primaries. State Councilor O.B.Patterson, of Bellefontaine, Ohio, made a statement that should settle this matter for all time.

"For some time past, friends of certain candidates at the Presidential Primaries have been circulating a rumor that these candidates have the endorsement of the Junior Order, while other candidates had no such endorsement. After a discussion of the matter at the meeting of the State Board of Officers, in the Emery Hotel, Saturday, March 18, State Councilor Patterson issued the following statement:

"Our Fraternity is non-partisan and non-sectarian, and the laws of the Order prohibit the organization or the individual Councils participating as such, in the coming primary contests. It has come to the attention of our State Board of Officers that several candidates at the pending primaries have reported that they have been endorsed and were being supported by our Fraternity. But such is not the case."

"The State Board adopted resolutions urging all members to do what they can to secure the passage of an immigration bill at the present session of Congress."

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Columbus O/April 10--Under the present administration of Chief Deputy Callery, the Boiler Inspection Department promises to turn a revenue into the state Treasury at the end of this fiscal year, which will be the first time it has done so in the history of the department. This, in itself, is not of great interest, in as much as this office, properly managed should, under the present law, be one of the biggest revenue producers. The fact, however, of Callery being able to put this department on its feet in the short length of time he has been in charge, and at the same time being subjected to slanderous and abusive attacks of certain newspapers and factions, shows that he is deserving of great credit, and proves that he is most highly qualified for this position, and must be classified as one of the best appointees of Governor Willis.

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So long has a little bunch of fellows in Columbus been dictating just who should have the appointive offices under every administration, no matter what its politics, that they cannot brook a man who says boldly to them---"You fellows can't dictate my policy or my appointments."

Now is the time to show this disgruntled bunch that their reign is over. Let every Republican show by his vote that he will sustain a man who has courage to defy the oligarchy and run the state's affairs in the interest of the whole people, and not in the interest of the bunch who have fed fat in years gone by through the parceling out of offices.



News letter of the Ohio Republican Editorial Association, Commercial building, Columbus Ohio.

Editors:- In-as-much as the majority of Republican committees over Ohio have endorsed Ohio's Big Four delegates, this Association suggests that you carry at the head of your Editorial column the names of these delegates-at-large to the National Convention at Chicago, June 7th.

#### For National Delegates

Senator Warren G. Harding, of Marion.  
Governor Frank B. Willis, of Columbus  
Hon. John J. Sullivan, of Cleveland  
Col. William Cooper Proctor, of Cincinnati

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Columbus O. April 15---Saving money to the tax-payers of Ohio, is the slogan of the present state administration. The fact that the taxes in some of the counties are increased on account of the improvement of the schools or the building of new roads does not alter the Willis plan. The governor has asked that money be saved in every department where it was ruthlessly spent before. These savings are going on in every department. While counties are building roads and school houses, the governor asks each department to cut its expenses to a minimum, in order that the tax rate will not be materially increased. There are a number of institutions which have joined the long list of money savers, one of which is that of the Department of Public Printing.

In the office of the superintendent of Public Printing, thirty-nine percent more work was done in 1915, at a total cost of sixteen percent less than was the record under the Cox administration in 1914. Here are the figures;

In 1914, Superintendent Harper handled 5,904,988 pieces of work, with a total expenditure of \$ 183,138.63.

In 1915, Superintendent Cross handled 8,149,487 pieces of work, including 2,500,000 pamphlets, and the total cost was only \$ 158,193.12.

In other words, Mr. Cross saved \$24,945.51, despite the increase of thirty-nine percent in the volume of work. As a matter of fact, he installed \$21,500 worth of new machinery at the state bindery, as recommended by his predecessor, the total cost of machinery and installation being \$24,007.92, and still he had a balance in his favor as compared with his predecessor who installed no new machinery.

The office comparison also is interesting. The cost under Mr. Harper was \$32,294.85. Mr. Cross handled thirty-nine percent more work and still decreased the office pay-roll to \$31,073.60. He has reduced the rent of the bindery, saving \$2,900 a year.

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The Eighth Congressional District (Harding's District) has gone on record for Burton for President, and for the Harding-Willis-Proctor-Sullivan big four as Ohio's delegates at large to the Republican National Convention.

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Ohio is being complimented by Republicans of other states in choosing for delegates at large, such men of national reputation as Senator Harding, who will deliver the "keynote" speech and act as temporary chairman of the Republican National Convention; Governor Willis, who will present the name of Hon. Theodore E. Burton, Ohio's favorite son; and William Cooper Proctor and Hon. John J. Sullivan, representative republicans.

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One by one the real names and character of some of the Cox appointees are found out, and in some instances the Government has laid the stern hand of the law upon them.

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Of all the shyster political tactics resorted to by a desperate bunch, to attempt to vilify a man, those concocted by the gang who are attempting to discredit Governor Willis take the lead. One day he is urging his friends to "single shot" in his behalf, and the next he is in a combination to beat the other candidates for national delegate. One day he is demanding of the colored men that they slaughter Tyler, and the next he has formed an alliance with him for the election of both.

As a matter of fact, they know he is doing neither. That he is assured of being elected as a delegate, as he deserves to be, and is making no effort in his behalf whatever, being perfectly willing to let the Republicans express their preferences at the polls without any persuasion from him, these shyster politicians know only too well. True, some of the governor's friends, resenting such misrepresentations, are making some effort to let the people know the animus of the attacks, as they have a perfect right to do. If there is one thing above another which the Republicans should do at the primary, it is to resent this vilification at the polls and put their brand of disapproval upon such infamous methods, and they will do it. The governor should be given such a rousing vote as to show how Republicans feel about such efforts to traduce men in responsible positions who are successfully striving to serve the people faithfully and well, and we predict that the result will speak conclusively of the high esteem in which the governor is held by the Republican voters of the state.

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We once heard a colored Bishop deliver a most powerful address, in which he contrasted Victor Hugo with a modern Southern writer. He said Hugo found his characters among the humblest, and sought to find the crushed flower in the meanest human breast and develop it till it transformed the whole man or woman, while the modern writer sought to find the tiger in the noblest human breast, and drew it out till it pulled the man or woman down.

The average political hackwriter thinks it his duty to look only for something to criticise and never anything to praise.

The painter who would look only for the blemishes which he could enlarge and exaggerate would never enroll his name among the immortals, while even the mediocre who painted only the beautiful would attract attention.

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Under the Cox administration, one Billy LaBard, alias George W. Oakley, was selected as one of the narcotic inspectors, under the direction of the State Agricultural Commission. LaBard, or "Oakley" as he was known during the time that he served, was recommended by the democratic boss of Lucas county, John O'Dwyer. He served under the board until a short time after George Stauffer of Ottawa was made secretary. Twenty days after Stauffer took office he asked for the resignation of Billy LaBard and received it. Nine days after that, LaBard, or "Oakley" as he was known, was arrested by the Federal authorities for trafficking in narcotics. He is still in jail. He has already served one term in the Ohio Penitentiary.

The case of "Oakley" brings to mind other appointees of the Cox administration, chief of which was Lattanner, the bank examiner. The people of the state are cognizant of the record of Lattanner. His career was a varied one and his handling of state banks is not a redeeming feature of the administration recently repudiated. One thing is shown clearly by these incidents, however, and that is the character of the political fabric of the Finley-Cox regime.

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The present Agricultural Commission has saved the farmers of Ohio more than \$ 50,000 on the cost of hog serum.

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It cost almost half as much again to supply the legislature with pencils and other sundries when Put Sandles was clerk of the senate.

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Columbus O. April 15-- Former United States Senator, Theodore E. Burton, has chosen Governor Frank B. Willis of Ohio to present his name to the Republican National Convention in Chicago, in June, as a candidate for the Republican Nomination for president. The honor conferred upon Ohio's governor is great because of the fact that Ohio is looked upon by other states of the Union as the pivot state. All eyes are upon Ohio. Ohio's favorite son, Senator Burton, is one of the foremost candidates for the presidency. His strength is not only in his own state, but in East and West as well. His great record in Congress makes him one of the most formidable candidates and many of the big newspapers, and other periodicals of the East and West concede that he will be a commanding figure in the convention, while many of them express it as their opinion that he will be the nominee.

Not only is Governor Willis honored by having been selected to name Burton to the convention, but another Ohioan has been chosen to sound the keynote of the convention, as temporary chairman. This is Senator Warren G. Harding of Marion. His selection was unanimous, and he is being looked upon to give to the people of the Nation, the Republican view of the coming campaign.

Ohio, therefore, must put her best foot forward in the coming April primary. Not only must she give Senator Burton a big vote in the presidential preference ballot, but she must give to Senator Harding and Governor Willis and to William Cooper Proctor and Hon. John J. Sullivan, a vote which will be a credit to the state and to the Republican party. To maintain the standing in the convention which she will be accorded to Ohio, her delegates must be given the unqualified endorsement of the Republican voters of the state. The party must stand together as a unit. These candidates for delegate at large have been endorsed by nearly every county and district in the state. They are the big men of Ohio whom the Republicans want to represent then at this history making convention.

The attention of republican voters is called to the fact that there is a presidential preference ballot to be voted, and that Hon. Theodore E. Burton's name is the only Republican name on the ballot for president. The names of Governor Willis, Senator Harding, Mr. Proctor and Mr. Sullivan will be on a separate ballot, for delegate at large. The primary is April 25, and it is the duty of every Republican to vote.



News letter of the Ohio Republican Editorial Association, Commercial Building, Columbus, Ohio.

Columbus O. April 17---With a view to benefitting all the wards of the state's penal, correctional and charitable institutions and at the same time providing a fitting monument to his administration, Governor Willis now is at work on details of a plan which will prove to be the most extensive in the history of the state.

The Governor proposes to incorporate in his message to the incoming general assembly a plan to put the state's prisoners at work on the big prison farm in Madison county slaughtering, curing and packing the meat to be used at the twenty-one state institutions. Roughly estimated it is thought such a plan would effect an annual saving of nearly \$50,000, as the institutions now separately slaughter and cure their meat.

Governor Willis also plans to enlarge the state brick plant at Junction City and place more convicts at work there. He believes that by thus lessening the cost of brick used, many additional miles of highway can be built annually without additional expense.

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Columbus O. April 17--The Wolfe-Cox papers are printing the statement that the District of Columbia Committees of both House and Senate refused to grant requests that "The Birth of a Nation" film be not shown in Washington, after they had viewed it privately.

The explanation of this endorsement may be found by considering the character of the two committees and that of the scenes portrayed by this reel. Both committees are dominated by a majority of members from the South. The picture shows gangs of negroes rioting and indulging in brutal crimes, lead by men in the uniform of the Union soldier. These gangs are overpowered, and some negroes and union officers slain by bodies of the Ku Klux Klan, who are made to appear as chivalric crusaders in a righteous cause.

The evident intent of the Southern democrats is, by these scenes, to convince those born since the Civil War, that to protect their property and women from bestial attacks by negroes, it is necessary in every community to establish a reign of terror by frequently hanging one or more black men.

President Wilson gave this film a powerful written endorsement when it was first shown.

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Since the Civil War no Republican administration has allowed extravagance to make necessary the borrowing of money on an issue of bonds, but Cleveland did and Wilson must.

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At work on the 68 naval vessels in process of construction, the administration has one eight-hour shift when three such shifts could be used. If the president's show of fright in his speeches in the West was sincere, would not the work of construction be hurried?

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Hon. Charles Cottrell, colored, of Toledo, a regular candidate for alternate in the Big Four delegates to the National Republican convention, was an alternate in the convention of 1908. He has filled with honor, the position of collector of Customs at Honolulu; has held the highest state office in the Knights of Pythias, the Odd Fellows and the Masons and has several times been secretary in Republican state conventions.

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Cox having been licked by 29,000 when the Republican party was split, what will happen to him now that it is united?

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## FIGHTING FOR TRADE

Now that the whole world is being exploited by the nations which produce more than they can consume of many commodities, wars will be provoked by economic causes--by the interests of trade. The present war is a result of the need of Germany, the greatest manufacturing nation, for a seaport on the Atlantic. Her great maritime trade had to pass through the North Sea, which is but a British lake, and thru the Strait of Dover within cannon range of both England and France, and the trade of her most important river, the Rhine, must reach the sea through a port of Holland. A free outlet for world trade is a necessity to the prosperity of Germany.

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## NO ONE FEARS THE YANKEES

On the fourteenth of last May, that is to say eleven months ago, the government at Washington demanded of Germany a disavowal of the sinking of the Lusitania, and said:

"The Imperial government will not expect the government of the United States to omit any word or act necessary to the performance of its sacred duty of maintaining the rights of the United States and its citizens and safe guarding their exercise and enjoyment."

Since this notice was served, eight merchantmen carrying American citizens have been sunk without warning. Who's afraid of Uncle Sam!

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The Pacifist cries: "If we are ready for a fight we will surely seek and find one."

The advocate of Preparedness insists that if we are ready to fight, other nations will respect our rights and we will escape a fight.

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President Wilson's demand for "incomparably the largest navy in the world" may appear shrunken in the naval bill which the administration now has in preparation.

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Is the present administration in Washington incompetent, has it the unity of purpose, ability and patriotism to put the country in condition to successfully resist attack?

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Has the diplomacy which has kept us continuously on the brink of war with Europe for one year, and with Mexico for three, a desirable quality?

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The Republicans of Connecticut, in convention assembled, adopted the slogan:

"Preparation and Protection--Peace and Prosperity."

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"Wilson wants Cox to head Ohio Democracy," quoth Cox himself; not Wilson.

"I will support any candidate for president the Republican Convention may nominate except Taft. I don't know but that I would even sleep in the same political bed with William Barnes, Jr., of New York, and Boise Penrose, of Pennsylvania, if that is necessary for the defeat of the Democratic party."--Theodore Roosevelt.

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Practically all the Republican newspapers over the state of Ohio have given more or less publicity to THE Columbus Saturday Monitor, the only Republican newspaper published in Columbus..

The newspaper condition in Columbus must be mighty bad when not only Republican news papers throughout the state are doing everything they possibly can to help establish a new news paper in that community, but now we even see some of the Democratic papers taking this up.

The Urbana Daily Democrat, in their issue of April 11th. 1916, used a large letter of endorsement for the Columbus Saturday Monitor. It has always been generally supposed that the Daily Citizen was a Democratic news paper, but since their opposition paper, the Urbana Daily Citizen has been leased for purely political purposes, it looks very much as though the Urbana Daily Democrat will make a very strenuous effort to throw the city of Urbana into the one-news-paper column.

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Dr. George B. Nye, who turned states evidence in the bribery trials of the Harmon legislature, again dominates Democratic Pike county's politics and has bought the news paper of his factional opponent, Mr. J.W. Johnson, one time state printer, and junked it; leaving his Waverly Watchman with a clear field. He has "Come Back"-- still a Democrat.

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Doubtless we'll still have to pay the penny for pork each time we use the telegraph or long distance telephone, for the Democratic House has passed a bill appropriating \$40,000,000. for waterways(inland). The Republicans tried, and failed, to get the amount fixed at \$20,000,000., to be expended as the government engineers advised.

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The Monroe doctrine, especially since President Wilson made it require the United States to defend the integrity of each of the republics in the Western Hemisphere, can bring this nation nothing but attack and humiliation if our navy is not made adequate.

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If the Secretary of the Navy, Mr. Josephus Daniels, has not yet started the work of laying the keels of the two dread-naughts, for which the congress that came in with Wilson made appropriations, when will the six capital super-dread-naughts which the administration now proposes to build, be ready for service ?

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"We constructed the Panama Canal to facilitate our naval defense and shorten the paths of our commerce by sea, then denied every advantage it gave to American shipping, and made it a Federally owned Public Utility, and nothing more."

--Warren G. Harding.

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The nine months period before the European war began, while a normal period, Secretary Radfield declares, is much too short for the adequate statistical study of the tariff's effect.

But it gave many opportunities for an adequate diatetical study of the soup house.

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Under Adjutant General Hough, Ohio's National Guard has attained a standard which is the envy of every state in the Union. Ohio's guard is ready for a call at any time, and if necessary can be available in a few hours. Army men say Ohio has the best National Guard in the United States.

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Columbus O. April 20--Honorable Oscar M. Hines, member of the House of Representatives of the Eighty-first General Assembly from Tuscarawas county, was in the city today and said:

"A few days ago, Mr. W.A. Clark, state organizer for the Junior Order of the United American Mechanics, kindly called my attention to an article under the caption, "FREE TEXT BOOKS FOR OHIO," appearing in the Cincinnati Republican, under date of April 10th., 1916.

"I am in full sympathy with the effort now being made to procure free text books for Ohio. The bill referred to --House bill No. 662-- was introduced by me in the last General Assembly and with the full purpose of securing its passage. After the bill had been sent to a committee and was reported back without recommendation, because of defects, it was examined by experts and lawyers and it was discovered that its provisions were in direct conflict with the Smith One Per Cent Law. Later I met and consulted with Dr. S.O. Giffin, Lieutenant Governor John H. Arnold and Mr. W.A. Clark, state organizer for the Junior Order, all of whom are prominent in that organization, and without a dissenting voice it was agreed that on account of the many defects in the bill and the approach of sine die adjournment, it would be better to let the matter go over until the next General Assembly.

"The statement made in the Cincinnati Republican that the bill was withdrawn from the calendar, either by suggestion or by interference of Governor Willis is an unmitigated lie. At no time, from the introduction of the bill until adjournment of the General Assembly, did Governor Willis make a request of me--and so far as I know of no one else--that the bill be taken from the calendar. The bill was on the special calendar for May 18, and again on May 19. On the evening of the 18th., the conference above referred to was held, and following out the wishes as expressed by Dr. S.O. Giffin, Lieutenant Governor John H. Arnold and Mr. W. A. Clark and acting upon their request, on May 19th. when the bill was up for consideration, I moved that it be taken from the calendar. These are the facts as shown by the House Journal.

(Signed) Oscar M. Hines.



News letter of the Ohio Republican Editorial Association, Commercial Building, Columbus, Ohio.

Columbus O. April 20.--Information leaked out in Columbus Tuesday to the effect that another desperate play has been resorted to by the Cox supporters in their endeavor to discredit Governor Willis. The plan, as outlined by a convivial member of the conspiracy, has been to have one of the leading political writers of the country come to Columbus and write up the administration as the Cox supporters would like the people to believe it is.

According to this story, we may expect the "expose" in a leading publication within the course of the next few days. A prominent Columbus newspaper man of the opposition, discussing the course of events, Tuesday, said that he was disgusted with the tactics now in progress at Columbus and would have nothing to do with such underhand methods as the one outlined above.

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Columbus O. April 21--"Governor Willis, Senator Harding, Hon. John J. Sullivan and Col. William Cooper Proctor will have the unanimous support of the Republicans of the Eighth Congressional district," said James R. Hopley of Bucyrus, in the course of a visit to the capital this week. "The people of the Eighth district want real men to represent them in the National Convention. Hon. Ralph D. Cole of Findlay and Hon. Frank Shaw of Mt Gilead will represent the district and we are proud that such distinguished men as Governor Willis and Senator Harding are also residents of our district."

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Columbus O. April 21--During the last week the Republicans of Warren, Athens, Fayette and Ottawa counties have endorsed the administration of Governor Willis and have endorsed the candidacy of Governor Willis, Senator Harding, Col. William Cooper Proctor and Hon. John J. Sullivan for delegates at large to the Republican National convention.

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Columbus O. April 21--Secretary of State Hildebrand set at rest the talk of the Cox-Wolfe-Finley press reports during the last week when he made the statement that he is not a candidate for any state office but that of Secretary of State to succeed himself. He is a candidate for reelection on the record he has made in office, and supports Governor Willis for reelection because the latter has made good. The Cox machine will have to hatch up some other story and find some other Republican candidates.

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Jay Marguerat, Democratic County Auditor of Wyandot county endorses the Tax law of the present administration as the best that Ohio has ever had and says it will mean more to the counties of the state than any other, if properly applied.

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Tuesday is primary day. It is important that Republicans do their duty by voting for Governor Willis, Senator Harding, Hon. John J. Sullivan and Col. William Cooper Proctor for delegates at large to the National convention.

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"The administration is ready at any and all times to render to the people of Ohio an account of its stewardship."  
--Governor Willis.

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Mr. Wilson will have his hands full enough without assuming credit for the nomination of King James Cox the First.

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According to some of the hypnotized democratic papers, Washington is "just dying" to have Cox run for governor this fall, and the president and secretary Baker are hungering to have the ex-governor stand as the candidate so that his popularity will pull the whole ticket, state and national, through at the coming election. Yet secretary Baker refuses to come to Ohio and act as chairman of the democratic state convention. One would almost think that he would hail the opportunity to help nominate this savior of the party in Ohio and be glad to show his appreciation of this great condescension on the part of this "strong man" in coming to the relief of president Wilson. The fact is that Washington does not want him, and the administration does not propose to take any such active part in his nomination as will cast upon it the blame when he is buried out of sight next November.

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According to some of the political articles and cartoons which are now appearing in the democratic press, it seems that we are to have some more of this "human uplift" stuff handed out in the coming campaign. The difference between the parties on the issue of "human uplift" is that the democratic party is in favor of "buying in the markets of the world", letting the cheap labor of Europe furnish the manufactured products, to the displacement of American workmen, and then when those who are dependent upon their toil are down and out, supply, at public expense, some almshouse or home as a shelter for their old age; while the republican policy is to furnish a market for every American product at home, supply every American with a job, at good wages, and keep the wheels running the year round, so that the sons of toil can provide for themselves all of the comforts of life, and when old age overtakes them they will have builded homes for themselves. This cry of "placing the man above the dollar" sounds very uplifting until analyzed; but keeping the man in touch with the dollar every day in the week will enable him to keep his dinner pail full and provide for his family. What the toiler wants is not charity, but a chance to earn his bread by the sweat of his face. He will "uplift" himself if he is not robbed of his right to toil.

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Senator Harding sounding the keynote speech, Governor Willis placing in nomination the foremost candidate for president, who also is from Ohio, places the old Buckeye state back in the front rank as she used to be. That's "going some", and it ought to be pleasing to every citizen of Ohio, no matter what his politics.

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Why can't Willis satisfy the press which bears the emblem of the democratic mule, in just one little particular at least? One day he jest haint got no pep at all. He couldn't drive the legislature to enact no unconstitutional laws to do a lot of fool things which oughter been done, and he jes fizzles out; and the next day he is a boss, namin' all the fellers who want to run fer national delegate, an' fer everything else, an' he drives the hull party round the state like a passel o' cattle round a bull pen. It's jes shameful. Most makes a feller think that the mule is the proper emblem. Some of the discordant notes sound like the musical voice of that long-eared quadruped singin' among the sage brush.

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The Republican National convention means more this year than it has in any year in the history of the nation. Republicans should stand as one man for Senator Burton for president and for the men he has asked Ohio Republicans to send to that convention---Willis, Harding, Sullivan and Proctor.

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George Stauffer, secretary of the Board of Agriculture, took Auditor Donahey's own figures and placed the Hon. Put Sandles in the Ananias club.

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News letter of The Ohio Republican Editorial Association, Commercial Building, Columbus, Ohio. Merrit C. Speidel, President; Claude C. Waltermire, Correspondent.

POLITICAL OBSERVERS IN COLUMBUS  
SAY ADMINISTRATION IS VINDICATED

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The Most Malicious Abuse of the Governor by Democratic Press and Disappointed Office Seekers Fails of Desired Result.

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Columbus O. May 1--The opposition to Governor Frank B. Willis has proved a complete fiasco. The primary proves his great strength with the people of Ohio.

The above is the verdict of the skilled observers of political affairs in the capital city. While the Governor ran a close second to Senator Harding, these same observers say that his position on the ballot lost him 10,000 votes last Tuesday.

The primary vote was one of confidence in the high integrity of Ohio's chief executive and one of approval for the program of economy and efficiency being worked out under every department of the state government. In short, it vindicated the administration of every hostile charge.

Governor Willis was intended to be the victim of one of the most far-wrought plans in the recent political history of Ohio. Three candidates were entered to make a fight against him, in order that, from different angles and factions, as much of his vote as possible might be taken from him. All kinds of publicity was given this opposition by the Cox press, which carefully concealed the fact of the disgruntled patronage proposition which really caused the three to enter.

But in spite of this fact, the Governor ran second and his vote was only slightly behind that of Senator Harding, for whose candidacy even the alleged opposition worked. In numerous counties the Governor ran ahead of the Senator. In view of the fact that the vote was light in the country districts, where the Governor is normally strong, and heavier in the cities, where the opposition to him has been most manifest, the showing is regarded as a splendid indication of the sentiment of the state, by the Willis leaders.

On the democratic side, it is pointed out that in most of the normally Democratic counties, which in 1914 went against Cox, the ex-governor runs behind about the same percentage as voted against him in 1914, compared with the vote for ex-governor Harmon.

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Glaser's name was next to the top when the election began, and Governor Willis' name was at the bottom. When the election was over, the Governor's name was next to the top and Glaser's name was at the bottom. Sort of a somersault, as it were. But it fulfilled the scriptural saying that "the first shall be last and the last shall be first."

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There is that something in the human breast which enables the average man to detect the false from the true; the real from the self-styled reformer. The human ear is quick to detect the false note in the outcry of the self-appointed Moses who seeks to lead the people out of some imaginary wilderness.

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Somehow when ~~the~~ people get into the slate-smashing business, wholly on their own accord, proclaim themselves the saviors of the rights of the dear people, and without any call from anybody but themselves devote their talents to so laudable a cause as preserving the liberty of the masses, they are most always disappointed at the results.



## Editorial.

Perhaps the most unprincipled, vicious and unwarranted attack was made on Governor Willis during the primary contest that was ever waged against any man who was a candidate for office. Not only the few in his own party who were disgruntled at their failure to get office or control patronage, but a relentless and savage warfare was waged against him by the Cox-Wolfe-Finley press and their cohorts, hoping to weaken him as a candidate for reelection. They are afraid of him, knowing his fearless advocacy of what is right in politics, and his ability to point and hold up to public scorn that which is wrong; and they hoped to so cut down his vote as to discredit him. In every precinct where democrats electioneering colored men to vote for Tyler, and Jews to vote for Glaser; but the great bulk of the members of these races are not so easily duped, and they refused to be led off on such an issue or deceived by such un-American tactics. No man should be either elected or defeated in this country on the ground that he belongs to some race. There is no room in America for such issues. They did not win this time, and they will never win in this country. In spite of this assault, and in spite of the vituperations of a bitter press which is angered only because it cannot control patronage, Governor Willis came close up to the top of the list, running neck and neck with Senator Harding, against whom there was no effort made. It shows that the Republicans are solidly behind the Governor in his efforts to restore the power to the people, retrench expenditures and give the state a clean, businesslike administration. In spite of the fact that the farmers did not vote to any large extent, being busy attempting to get out their crops, the Governor made a showing which not only startled the opposition, but surprised his friends. Had the farmer vote been out, his showing would have been still more pronounced. It was in the strongholds of the enemy that he won. It was a signal victory, and foreshadows a triumphant reelection this fall. The opposition has shot its heavy cannons and exhausted its billingsgate. From this time on, it can but re-fire spent balls, and it knows it. The atmosphere has been greatly clarified, and the Governor can justly feel proud of his success.

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Yes, it looks as if Governor Willis would be able to get into the convention hall to make that nominating speech.

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The State Journal can now take that menagerie back into the stables. They need not hoo-haw any more in the fear that some one else will be nominated for governor. It will be Willis, and he will be elected.

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There is one consolation in having a newspaper of your own--- You can run your own pictures in it, boom yourself for anything you like, but the trouble is to get the people to support you.

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When it comes to voting, most of the people are not so easily duped as a good many folks think they are.

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Matt Glaser can console himself at least in the fact that he didn't run so awful far behind Tyler, even if he was at the tail end of the procession.

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Those who voted for Willis were obliged to hunt for his name at the bottom of the list. They were positive votes. Many votes cast for those whose names were at the top were mere random votes, cast by those who were unfamiliar with the names and the situation. It makes the victory of the Governor the more decisive. He has been fully vindicated by the people.

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Columbus o. May 1--Chairman Edwin Jones of the Republican State Executive committee was all smiles when he reached Columbus the latter part of the week. "The primary vote shows that we have made good," said the chairman. "We promised the state of Ohio that we would be economical and efficient and we made good under Governor Willis. The people know and when they voted last Tuesday they expressed their appreciation of the fact. Ohio will not only go overwhelmingly for a Republican president, but Governor Willis will be returned with a much bigger majority than he had in 1914. The Republicans of Ohio are in harmony and when they are, it always means Republican success and Republican good times."

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Columbus O. May 1--"We like things to be run on economical lines down in the Miami Valley," said J.E.Scott, county treasurer of Miami county, when in Columbus Thursday. "That is the reason we all approve Governor Willis. He got a marvelous vote there two years ago and you can look for it again this fall. He has made good."

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Our present condition of unpreparedness for defense makes opportune the motto, "In God we trust," stamped upon our coins.

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A cogent argument against the nomination of Justice Hughes for the presidency is that his translation would create a vacancy which would make it possible for Mr. Wilson to put another Brandeis upon the Supreme Bench.

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The average citizen loves fair play, and when a gang of tricksters resort to underhanded tactics to discredit candidates, the people usually get next and resent it at the polls.

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The Mexicans have murdered more Americans than the Germans have, with less provocation.

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Don Francisco Villa has had a rare experience in reading his own obituaries.

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The fact that Willis beat Glaser three to one in Glaser's own home town should not make Matt feel bad. He can console himself with the reflection that, "a prophet is not without honor, save in his own country." However, the Governor ran pretty brisk in his own home town, at that.

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Let's lick Mexico first.

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That Neil House nocturnal meeting at which the scheme was hatched to discredit the governor bore that same kind of fruit that such efforts usually produce.

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Now that the primaries are over and the democratic cohorts have discharged their forty-two centimeters, wasted their gas bombs and ammunition, and emptied their vials of wrath in the preliminary skirmish, reaping only a just defeat and rebuke at the hands of the voters, we wonder where they will masquerade, and what sort of artillery they will mask for the final assault.

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Down on the Mexican border has been staged a demonstration of what unpreparedness means.



News letter of The Ohio Republican Editorial Association, Commercial Building, Columbus, Ohio. Merrit C. Speidel, Piqua O. President; Claude C. Waltermire, Correspondent.

OFFICIAL FIGURES SHOW POPULARITY  
OF GOVERNOR WILLIS

Columbus O. May4--The official figures being now at command and analysis of the sentiment of the people as to the candidacies of Willis and Cox may readily be seen. The most striking footing of votes is that for Senator Atlee Pomerene, therefore the demand of the Democratic organization that the low candidate in the vote for the Big Four should not press for renomination applies solely to him. The expectation of the conspirators who put three candidates on the ticket, each of whom was expected to draw from Willis, was that Willis would be the low man and that that would be a powerful reason for him to withdraw from the race for renomination.

The most startling figure in the returns is that from the home county of Mr. Cox, Montgomery, which shows that he ran 741 behind his ticket. The Bucyrus Telegraph has made the laborious and able analysis which follows:

We have gone over our exchanges and here is the result in seven republican counties: Delaware, Hancock, Hardin, Knox, Logan, Morrow and Van Wert. In these counties Burton received 4,221 votes and Willis 4,210, or he ran behind Burton just 11 votes. In these seven republican counties Wilson received 2,550 preferential votes and Cox received 2,154, running behind Wilson 396 votes. Willis ran ahead of Burton in three of the counties above mentioned, leading his own county of Hardin by 81. Cox ran behind in every one of these counties from 10 in Van Wert to 68 in Hancock.

Now take seven democratic counties, Auglaize, Butler, Crawford, Richland, Seneca, Wayne and Wyandot. Burton received 3,778 votes in these counties and Willis 3,408, running behind 370 votes, leading Burton in one, Wyandot, by 5 votes. In the same seven democratic counties Wilson received 6,059 votes and Cox 4,996, or 1,063 behind, his best run was in Wyandot where he was only 42 behind, his worst run was in Seneca where Cox was 304 behind Wilson, followed by Butler 189 behind, Wayne 176, Richland 136, Auglaize 110, Crawford 106. Willis was 12 behind Burton in Crawford.

So after the Cox papers have been boostong ex-Governor Cox's popularity and hopefully prognosticating Governor Willis' unpopularity, the cold facts demonstrate just the reverse.

Remember, also, on the ticket with Governor Willis were seven names with four to elect; with ex-Governor Cox there were five names with four to elect. The hopeful democratic politician will immediately dispute the conclusion here given with the statement that there were two candidates for president on the republican ticket and Governor Willis had this extra vote to draw from. This is in part true but in the seven democratic counties the scattering vote for president on the republican ticket was 456. On the democratic candidate the scattering vote for president was 177, the local papers giving none in Richland, Seneca, and Wyandot, where perhaps 150 scattering votes were cast, making a total of 227.

So all the republican votes for president were 4,234 and Governor Willis received 3,408 or 826 behind. All the democratic votes for president were 6,286 and ex-Governor Cox received 4,996, or 1,390 shy.

These county counties had it in for Mr. Cox in 1914 and stood by Mr. Willis, and the vote of last week indicates that they are of the same opinion now as they were then.

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## THE PRESENT ADMINISTRATION'S ATTITUDE TOWARD STATE WARDS

Few people give serious thought to the thousands of inmates of Ohio's great correctional and humanitarian institutions, yet the care of these unfortunates consumes a larger percentage of taxes than any other requirement, and occasions much worry to those engaged in looking after their welfare. The ever increasing multitude of dependents, and lack of facilities for their proper care was one of the problems inherited by Governor Willis and the state Board of Administration, which has direct charge of the institutions and their inmates.

As preceding administration, with the aid of press agents with vivid imaginations, and a legislature that appropriated the people's money with reckless abandon, regardless of business methods, has sought to make political capital out of the fact that Governor Willis has refused to be stampeded into hasty action and has taken the necessary time to investigate the various needs of the state institutions, alert in guarding the taxpayers money, but with a heart full of human sympathy for those in trouble and distress. While, unlike some of his critics, the Governor has not been advertising his thoughts, yet his mind has been busy with the problem of the state's wards, and a comprehensive plan of procedure has been evolved which will meet the approval of the taxpayers and afford also needed relief to those requiring it. President Philbrick and the other members of the State Board of Administration understand the wishes of Governor Willis and are working harmoniously to hasten to fruition the plans for many improvements.

It is the intention to use the labor of the state's wards wherever possible, and a careful investigation has revealed not only many idle men whose forced keeping can be made a source of profit instead of expense to the state, but ways are rapidly being devised to use the labor of these people in many ways not attempted heretofore. The penitentiary of course will furnish much labor, but other institutions, such as the Mansfield Reformatory, the Boys Industrial School, The Marysville Reformatory and the Institution for the Feeble Minded will all be called upon to assist in contributing to their maintenance.

Under the operation of the indeterminate sentence law, which prevents a judge from sentencing anyone for a definite term, the population of the penitentiary has increased rapidly and is now the largest in its history, numbering in round numbers about 1900 inmates. Of this number, experience and experiments have demonstrated to the board of Administration that only about 35 percent can safely be used under the so-called honor system, which permits the working of prisoners away from the penitentiary practically without guards. About 300 of this class of prisoners are now working in different parts of the state. Forty are employed in the cultivation of 400 acres of ground owned by the state in Pickaway county, about 22 miles from Columbus. Last year, these convicts raised farm and garden produce of a value in excess of \$10,000, and it is confidently expected that a much better showing will be made this year. At Junction City a brick plant operated by convict labor has been in operation for about two years, but difficulty has been experienced in securing an outside market for the product, which up to the present time has consisted mainly of paving brick. With extensive improvements involving the building of many new cottages and other structures at various state institutions, the Board has determined to change the product at the brick plant from paving to building brick, for which the state will have use in large quantities, and which will permit the use of a larger force of men than is now employed at the brick plant.

Gangs of men that the Board considers trustworthy are being sent to Mt. Vernon, Dayton, Delaware, Marysville and other institutions from the state prison. These men do general work that would otherwise and heretofore been done by free paid labor while the state was supporting in idleness the men who are now performing this work.

With the practical completion of the Lima Hospital for the Criminal insane and the Marysville Reformatory for women, the greatest activity is now centered at the site for the new penitentiary in Madison county. A force of about 100 convicts is now working at this point, and as soon as living quarters now in the course of construction are completed, the Board of Administration will send 100 more prisoners to this farm, which consists of 1500 acres, a large portion of which will be



under cultivation this year. Much of this land is in meadow at the present time and a herd of fine dairy cattle, cared for by convict labor, is furnishing milk, butter and cheese to the insane asylum and penitentiary in Columbus. A force of convict carpenters and builders are also at work on new barns for stock, and living quarters for additional men, to be sent as soon as there is a place for them to stay. President Philbrick states that the new soap factory, woolen mills, ~~and~~ knitting mills, shirt factory and other industries which have replaced the old contract shops at the prison, are working full force, so that the idle population has been reduced to a minimum and it will be but a short time until practically all able bodied prisoners will be at work either on honor gangs or inside the walls. Plans are also practically complete for the installation of an automobile-tag plant at the prison which will give employment to a number of men and save the state a considerable amount of money.

The Mansfield reformatory has no idle population. The men confined there are all young and in good physical condition. The Reformatory is turning out large quantities of first-class furniture, shoes, clothing and other supplies for state institutions. The Reformatory farm also supplies much of the sustenance required for the inmates. The Board of Administration will make a special effort this year to have every acre of ground fit for agricultural or garden purposes which it controls, cultivated if possible, and it is the belief of the board that thousands of dollars can be saved if this is done. With this object in view, a carload of fine Kansas mules has been purchased and distributed to the different institutions. The same view is held that inmates physically ~~xxxx~~ and mentally able will be much better off and much more contented employed in the open fields with sun and air as medicine, than brooding alone in gloomy buildings. The most miserable man is the unemployed with nothing but memories to occupy his thoughts.

Recent statistics show that notwithstanding the unprecedented advance in the price of almost everything the board has to purchase, the present system of utilizing its resources and conducting the state's business on the business principles of a private corporation has resulted in keeping the maintenance cost of the state's wards down to a point no higher than they were before the unprecedented increase in prices during the past year, and has added to their comfort and contentment.

The congested condition that has existed in some of the institutions has been relieved by the opening of the Lima Hospital, and plans are well under way to care for the crowded condition in institutions where the Lima hospital could not afford relief.

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Of great interest to the people of Ohio is the opinion of the National Tax Association complimenting the Parrett-Whittemore tax law, passed by the Willis administration, and its corresponding disapproval of the Warnes law procedure in Ohio under the preceding administration. The National Tax Association is recognized as the authoritative body in the United States on tax matters, and is composed of the leading tax officials and students thruout the country. In the April issue of its bulletin, it has the following to say of the Parrett-Whittemore law:

"On the whole, the new system preserves an admirable balance between local independence and state control. It should work well. State machinery for state tasks; local machinery for local tasks; co-operation between state and local machinery at all times; adjustment of local differences by an impartial state tribunal; this we believe is the true philosophy of the subject."

In a separate, and as it happens the opening, article of the same issue of the Bulletin appears an article under the heading: "Has Ohio Gone Back?" and devoted to a discussion of the state's rejection of the Warnes law. Stating emphatically that its information is not derived from any officer or employee of the State Tax Commission, but from its own correspondents, the Bulletin declares that "the Ohio experiment (under the Warnes law) furnished no real test of 'selection for fitness.' Concluding its comment upon this ill-fated law are these significant sentences:

"The big lesson from the Ohio experience is the incompatibility of politics and 'centralization.' We can stand or at least survive, politics in assessment-work, if the poison be diluted and decentralized. But we cannot stand politics in a centralized system of assessment. Not only must it be divorced from politics, but it must be above suspicion."



News Letter of the Ohio Republican Editorial Association, Commercial B Building, Columbus 6. Merritt C. Speidel, Piqua ). President, Claude C. Waltermire, Correspondent.

Columbus O. May 8---The reverberations of the bomb exploded by Clerk Maynard of the House of Representatives in the camp of State Auditor "Vic" Donahey, are still echoing around the state to the consternation of the auditor and the embarrassment of a number of Coxites. Captain Maynard is an unassuming individual and it is not often that he "takes his pen in hand" to reply to political buncombe, but the opening left by Donahey was too good to pass up.

Captain Maynard, in a detailed statement to Governor Willis, shows that the state auditor ignored the facts and showed an ulterior motive continually in his alleged report, that the facts were distorted or entirely disregarded, and recommends that the report be returned to Donahey for correction.

"In the report of the Auditor of State," says Captain Maynard, "he raises the question of the cost of the general assemblies, and in so doing, makes an effort to leave the impression that the Eighty-first or Willis, General Assembly was very extravagant and spent the people's money more lavishly than previous general assemblies. A careful examination of the records will show that the Eighty-first (Willis) general assembly was the most economical that has assembled in many years; and had the auditor of state been fair in his report, he would have shown this condition."

Quoting records and statistics to sustain his contentions, Clerk Maynard shows conclusively that the per capita cost of the Constitutional Convention, of which the state auditor was a member, was largely in excess of the Eighty-first general assembly of which he complains. In his report on the Eighty-first assembly, Donahey includes the inaugural expenses of Governor Willis, which were but \$1,358. but does not charge the Eightieth general assembly with the inaugural expenses of ex-Governor Cox, which were \$4,913. "

"The auditor could have been more fair and told the public that the Willis inaugural expenses were paid from the legislative committee fund; and those of ex-Governor Cox were ~~the~~ direct appropriation made at the close of the session to the Adjutant General for this purpose, a fact," says Clerk Maynard, "that shows additional economy on the part of the Willis Administration."

Captain Maynard has another broadside ready to fire at the first "peep" from the office of the auditor.

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Columbus O. May 8--State Highway Commissioner Clinton Cowen announces that bids will be received Friday, May 19th., for the construction of ninety-two miles of State Aid Road improvement of various types in twenty-six counties of Ohio, the estimated cost of which amounts to \$1,367,713.00 (36 jobs)

This the third letting of contracts held by the State Highway Department this Spring and makes a total of nearly four million dollars of road improvements palced under contract in the three lettings, which in all contemplates 267 miles of entirely new construction.

Commissioner Cowen said today that special effort has been made to put all state work under contract at as early a date as possible in order to have the benefit of good weather and prevent, if possible, the carrying over of uncompleted contracts through the winter.

The following are the contracts to be let May 19th.:

County	Section	Name of Road	Mileage
Athens	"I"	Logan-Athens	1.5
Auglaize	"D"	Kenton-Wapakoneta	1.0
"	"A"	Celina-Kossuth	1.01
Columbiana	"T"	Salem-Alliance	4.12
Defiance	"D"	Hicksville-Defiance	3.94
Fulton	"J"	Toledo-Auglaize	2.32
"	"A"	Wauseon-Napoleon	1.53
Geauga	"H"	Cleveland-Meadeville	5.64



County	Section	Name of Road	Mileage
Guernsey	"A"	McConnellsville-Cambridge	11.08
"	"K"	National	7.48
Hancock	"G"	Lima-Sandusky	6.48
"	"F"	"	3.48
"	"H"	"	2.34
Huron	"A"	Barberton-Greenwich	1.26
"	"J-2"	Bellevue-Norwalk	0.90
Knox	"J"	Columbus-Wooster	6.94
"	"I"	"	0.98
Lake	"G"	Painesville-Warren	0.71
Licking	"A"	Newark-Lancaster	2.12
Logan	"E"	Bellefontaine-Richwood	1.32
Madison	"E"	Washington-London	0.81
Miami	"F"	Piqua-Sidney	5.78
Muskingum	"E"	Zanesville-Dresden	1.47
Richland	"A"	Mansfield-MtVernon	1.50
"	"O"	Mansfield-Ashland	1.65
"	"A"	Belleville-Lexington	1.50
Ross	"A"	Cincinnati-Chillicothe	1.85
Sandusky	"A"	Fremont-Bowling Green	6.01
Summit	"Q"	Akron-Canton	2.06
Trumbull	"L"	Chagrin Falls-Greenville	3.09
Union	"G"	Marysville-Marion	.34
Washington	"L"	Marietta-McConnellsville	1.09
Wayne	"B"	Wooster-Canal Dover	1.98
Williams	"B"	Bryan-West Unity	
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		Bryan-Wauseon	4.69
Williams	"A"	Bryan-Edgerton	6.75
Wyandot	"A"	Forest-Upper Sandusky	1.02

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Columbus O. May 8--"Organized to start a boom for the reelection of Atlee Pomerene for senator" is the headline in the State Journal, over an item announcing that a club had been organized somewhere to boom the senator. We had supposed that Atlee was giving such preeminent satisfaction to the Democratic party that they were clamoring for his return to the Senate, and that there ~~was~~ was no necessity for an organized effort to boom him. We had been lead to believe that his record was a constant, resounding boom within itself, needing no artificial stimulus from the outside.

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However, since the primary showed him at ~~tailend~~ tailend of the democratic vote, it seems that some of his friends have thought best "to get busy", lest he be refused the usual courtesy of a second nomination. It matters little, however, who spends his good money running for the senate on the democratic ticket this year, for the next incumbent of that office will be Daugherty, Herrick, Woodmansee or Dick.

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The returns from thirty out of the fifty-seven rural counties show Cox a poor second to Wilson, while the same rural counties show Willis as popular as when he ran for Governor. These are the straws which show how the gale is blowing, and it augurs well for Willis and his able administration. When the Ides of November come he will win as signally as he did before.

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In taking the rounds of the state departments, one runs across the genial face of Rudy Archer, Treasurer of State, who constantly wears a smile that will not come off. Not only is he one of the very best treasurers that the state has ever had, always giving the utmost care to the duties of his office and at the same time ever ready to give the glad hand and a friendly greeting to any and all who have occasion to call, but he has the distinction of having so conducted the affairs of his office that even the famous fault-finder, Vic Donahey, who lays awake o' nights trying to find something in the conduct of some Republican official which he can play up to the galleries, could find nothing to criticize. Almost a half million of dollars has been earned in interest on the state funds during the last year under the faithful management of Mr. Archer, greatly exceeding the interest earnings of any other year in the history of the state.

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## OUR NEXT CONGRESS

Whatever else may be in the political atmosphere for the present year, one thing can be set down as certain: The Republicans will have an overwhelming majority in the next Congress. Political history repeats itself with unerring precision in this respect. Almost invariably, when the Democratic party has had full control of the government, no Democratic congress has succeeded itself. Only when its hands have been tied by a republican president or a republican senate, so as to prevent it from putting its impractical ideas into operation, has it been able to get control for more than two terms in succession. Seldom more than one. It has now both branches of Congress and a democratic president. It has been able to put on its full program. From the Underwood revenue-destroying tariff and its iniquitous stamp tax, to its vacillating course concerning the Philippines, it has demonstrated that it is not "on to the job" of running this great country. Its basic principles are wrong, and it is just as impossible to successfully run a great government upon fallacious principles as it is to build an enduring house upon a foundation of sand. The party has always grabbed at every bargain counter dogma which sounded like getting something for nothing--like "free trade", "free silver" and the like-- which could be coined into a catch phrase to beguile the unwary; and when it has been able to get in on a rain check, it has been confronted with all this bargain-day, cheap-counter stuff which has had to be disposed of; and by the time it has explained to the voter how he came to be flimflammed on this grab-as-you-pass stuff, the country has been in a state of unrest which called for the return to power of the time-tried and fire-tested policies of the Republican party. It is now anxiously awaiting a return. But for this sporadic and mushroomic prosperity in spots, growing out of the blood and slaughter of the untold millions of the eastern hemisphere, we would now be in the throes of a business depression equal to that of the days of Grover Cleveland. But the war will not last always, and when the end comes, unless we are prepared to meet it we will be submerged by the ~~xxxxx~~ products of the of the old world which will seek our unprotected markets. Not only manufacturers, but ~~xxx~~ wide-awake laboring men realize this and are anxious for the return of a republican Congress and a Republican president.

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Should a national administration which has violated the most important vote-getting promises; which is so divided against itself that it cannot carry out its policies, be continued in power?

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"I believe that a law can be drafted which will safeguard the ballot and at the same time afford traveling men, railroad men, postal clerks and the like who are called from their homes on election day by the nature of their business, opportunity to cast their balloy by mail."--Governor Frank B. Willis.

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The rural credits bill, in the senate, which is to create a multitude of employees in the contemplated land banks, provides that they shall not be under civil service. In this it corresponds to every other enactment of the Democratic congress which created jobs.

It is to be made a political machine as the federal reserve banking system was.

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On May 9, 1915, Two months after the sinking of the Lusitania, President Wilson promised the country "deliberate and firm dealing" with Germany.

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Over in the insurance department, Judge Taggart has things running so smoothly that it seems almost automatic. That is the indication of an excellent official in charge. A little fellow at the head of a department always has things in a turmoil, and is always bickering over petty things which detract from the efficient management of the really big things of the department. Judge Taggart has already won his spurs.

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News letter of the Ohio Republican Editorial Association, Commercial Building, Columbus, Ohio. Merrit C. Speidel, Piqua O. President; Claude C. Waltermire, Correspondent.  
~~C. Waltermire Correspondent.~~

By Claude C. Waltermire

Columbus O. May 11--It is an open secret that around the Democratic state headquarters there has been consternation ever since the election returns came in. With Cox' name at the head of the list of delegates on the ballot, and with no organized fight against him, he ran 16,000 behind the Wilson vote, and Pomerene ran 30,000 behind Wilson. That shows that practically more than one third of the party is in open revolt against these candidates. How to get rid of them is the perplexing question. Pomerene is insisting that he is entitled to a renomination, and with sure defeat staring him in the face he refuses to withdraw. Cox has announced that, in a spirit of pure patriotism, he wants to be a candidate so that he "can help Wilson."

The complete returns show that Harmon carried 44 counties over Cox and tied him in another, in spite of the Cox organization which did everything in its power to eliminate Harmon in all counties.

It also shows by the returns that Campbell carried 31 counties over Cox and that Pomerene, who was almost scratched off the ticket, carried seven counties over Cox.

The WEEK, the only simon-pure Democratic paper in Columbus, in a front page article, is in open revolt against both Cox and Pomerene. In an article headed, "Cox Can Render No Assistance," it points out the sheer folly of going down to sure defeat with such a combination. Among other things it has this to say:

"It is believed that this poor showing made by senator Pomerene is an expression of the feeling of opposition on the part of many members of his party against the way in which he has lent himself to the Wolfe junta in aid of Cox by helping to, put over the appointment of H.P. Wolfe as a member of the Federal Reserve bank at a salary of \$12,000 per year. This vote by all odds was the most distinct jar of the primary election and should wake up some politicians to the fact that there are a good many voters sitting up and taking notice of what is going on around them."

Then the fact that Governor Willis, with his name at the bottom of the ticket where voters had to hunt for it, and with three avowed candidates in the field against him, ran almost neck and neck with the highest, and with many of the rural counties putting him over the line with the highest vote, is as discouraging to the democracy as it is encouraging to the Republicans. The country vote, where Willis is



the strongest and Cox the weakest, was not out. Cox ran so far behind in his own county that it is plain that he is weakest where he is best known. Taking the figures as a whole, they point in no uncertain terms to the fact that both Pomerene and Cox are very unpopular with their party, and the quandary is how shall they be sidetracked and who shall come to the rescue. The older heads are inclined to let them take the nominations and go down to defeat, and thus be rid of them for all time; and in all probability that will be done.

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Columbus O, May 11--A great political event in the capital last week was the banqueting of 500 Republican leaders of Ohio by the Buckeye Republican Club on Saturday, many of whom were formerly Progressives, for it inspired confident belief that Americanism will triumph in the approaching national contest and that the majority for Governor Willis will be doubled; but a more significant story of Saturday is that of the Progressive State convention.

Garford, Garfield, Walter Brown, Harris of Ashtabula, and sixty others, whose names were known in the Progressive movement, met in the Neil House. The business of the convention was limited to the naming of delegates to the Progressive Convention at Chicago--simply. Altho every speaker overflowed with expressions of devotion to Colonel Roosevelt, the delegates were not instructed for him. Altho each consecrated himself to Progressive principles, no platform resolutions were adopted. Chairman Garfield in his keynote said:

"Partisanship should be forgotten and the needs of the country should be looked to this fall in the election of a president. We should forget the past for the present and future, without relinquishing the fight for the principles of the party."

The most influential man in the state organization indicated the attitude which the leaders will assume at Chicago thus:

"Thinking men all over the land declare that there is but one political platform upon which all parties should stand, and that contains but two words, 'Our Country', and join in the issue which is, how best to be a patriotic American."

Mr. Garford indicated the intention of the leaders who will control the Progressive Convention at Chicago referring to "work to be done in the future by our party, or the part we play in another, under a different name."

This gives the impression that the Progressive leaders expect, through conferences with Republican leaders, to secure the nomination by the Republicans of a candidate whom the Progressive convention subsequently can endorse with confidence that he will be supported by the rank and file of the party.

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Referring to the Wolfe papers in Columbus, Hon. Harry M. Daugherty said before the Buckeye Republican Club at the big banquet Saturday night:- "When you see a man who publishes a newspaper and who can see no harm in Wilson and no good in Willis, you see an unfriendly neutral operating a submarine."

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In the state Banking Department, Mr. Harry Hall is a model official, and there is a striking contrast as compared with the reign of the Cox regime when one, Lattanner was at the helm. There is now no wrecking of solvent banks in order to give jobs to broken-down politicians in clearing away the wreck. There are no junketing trips to Florida or Oregon by state officials on the thin disguise that they are inspectors for the Blue Sky department, bent on casting their eagle eyes over some tract of land or other device of the Evil One who is about to prey upon some unsuspecting public. No, there is none of this. Things are quiet and methodical at the Banking Department, and the people's interests are being looked after without any bluster, graft or chicanery.

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James B. Ruhl, prominent Cleveland attorney and member of the Republican Executive committee, in Columbus this week, said:- "There is no doubt of the popularity of Governor Willis in Ohio. His vote shows the fact. His name was hard to find, but the voters hunted for it to show their approval of his efforts in the interest of efficiency and economy. In Cleveland he is stronger by far than he was two years ago and will get a much larger vote."

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Referring to this administration's attitude toward Workmen's Compensation, Industrial Commissioner Elliott said:- "No blare of trumpets is needed from this department to show what is being done and the workingman knows it. The compensation department is receiving much money and the work is being carried on to the satisfaction of every man interested in it."

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Under the Willis administration, the returns in the offices of the State Tax Commission show a steady gain in the personal return from all parts of Ohio.

And the Warnes machine is dead.

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News letter of the Ohio Republican Editorial Association, Commercial Building, Room 515, Columbus, Ohio. Claude C. Waltermire, Correspondent.

By Claude C. Waltermire

Columbus, Ohio, May 15--Impartial observers of the work of state departments consider the marked improvement of efficiency and promptness in the Industrial Commission's important departments, one of the most pronounced evidences of the success of the Willis administration. The large amount of increased business handled the past year, with practically no increase in overhead expense, and with a most notable increase in efficiency has been such as to create special interest among impartial observers at the state capital.

An analysis of the facts is more striking than ever when compared with the statements of a hold-over member of the Commission recently; a fact which has led to the general belief at the state capital that these statements have been provoked by a "soured" partisan spirit, which has cared little for the truth, so long as partisan ends be achieved.

Several of the departments have been given a severe shaking up by this administration, as a result of which from 40 to 100 per cent more work is being accomplished than before with practically no increase in overhead expense; and the work is now handled daily, instead of two to four weeks behind time, as before. In this shaking up, however, not a single competitive, civil service appointee was affected, merely partisan appointees.

In the workmen's Compensation department, more than five million dollars has recently been added to the payrolls on which premiums are collected. Fifteen new payroll auditors were recently placed on the job, after the hold-over democratic commissioners had delayed the work as long as possible, and in the month of March these added \$1,913,193.02 and in April \$1,621,226.29, making a total of \$3,534,419.31.

In three months of this year as compared with the corresponding three months of last year, the Boiler Inspection Department received \$10,881.50 as compared with \$7,673.90. The Engineering department received \$10,138.00 as against \$9,606.00 the corresponding three months of 1915. The office of the Film Censors received \$7,957.60 as against \$6,850.80.

In the month of April the Medical Department handled 21,010 claims and with the same force at work as that a year ago, when only a little more than half this number were taken care of. The work of Fred Croxson in the Mediation department; the department of Mines under Jim Pritchard and the Stationary Engineers, under F. P. Brownstead, chief inspector has been so marked an improvement as to receive most favorable comment from all who have had business with the commission. The same is true of J. C. Callery, chief inspector of the Boiler department, and George Hamilton, chief inspector of Workshops and Factories. Callery found his department without any fixed policy and losing money. He will show a favorable balance at the end of the year. Hamilton is making inspection count for something, and is eliminating the petty annoyances which had brought his department much criticism under previous management.



It is no longer true of the Industrial Department that letters remain unanswered and checks undeposited for even months at a time. The Willis administration has demanded of every man that he make good, and the result is most apparent in this big Commission.

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The record of Rudy W. Archer has been such that the champion fault-finder, Auditor Vic Donahey found it necessary to compliment him upon his efficiency and ability in the handling of the public money.

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Cox ran 16,000 behind Wilson. If the Democrats had cast the same number of votes as the Republicans and Mr. Cox had been last on the ballot instead of at the top, where would he have been at the same ratio?

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Willis Will Win--on the same platform of efficiency and economy which the people of Ohio want to see continued.

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Ohio is paying about \$30,000 a year less rent than was paid under the previous administration.

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James M. Cox ran 943 behind his ticket in Franklin county and 2,094 in Cuyahoga county. Franklin county is the home of Bob Wolfe, whose papers boosted Mr. Cox to the highest heavens.

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The Columbus Saturday Monitor will soon be a daily paper and the only Republican daily in Columbus. Thousands of subscriptions have already been received. This paper will be a clean, honest, fearless Republican daily and a credit to the capital city.

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Ohio Republicans and Ohio Progressives are a unit this year for the country.

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It certainly is gratifying to clean, honest public officials when they see the body politic go out and cast a majority vote in favor of good government, efficiency and economy.

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## Editorial:

Now that the primary has made it manifest that Willis and Cox are to lead the respective parties in the coming campaign, it might be well to begin to think about the principles on which the last battle was fought, and on which it is only fair to expect the next one to be fought. If Mr. Cox is seeking vindication, and it must be on that theory and his desire to "help Wilson" that he now asks for a renomination, it follows that he seeks it on the record made during his administration. It seems to us that something like this should be in the democratic state platform:-

Resolved: that we reaffirm our faith in the principles of the Warnes law which took the power to elect the men who assess the property of the people out of their hands and placed it in the hands of a coterie of politicians appointed by the governor; and if elected, we promise to repeal the present law and restore the system of taxation embodied in the Warnes law.

Resolved: that we still have abiding faith in the wisdom of that system of government which permits the the people to govern themselves "by and with the consent of the governor," and if restored to power, we pledge ourselves to repeal those laws which took that phrase out of the statutes, and restore the autocratic power to the governor.

Resolved: that we believe in one man power, and that the legislature should be wholly subservient to the governor, who should write bills, demand their enactment, proclaim all refractory representatives of the people as "barn rats," and if elected, we promise to restore that system of government to the state and assume dictatorial power as in the days of yore..

These are some of the planks which occur to us on the spur of the moment, and they are suggested for the consideration of the democratic state convention.

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Almost a year and half after the Cox administration has gone out of power, the state auditor, that faithful watch-dog of the treasury, has discovered and reported to Governor Willis that Lattanner, the late, lamented head of the Banking Department of Ohio, took a dozen or more of his employees at a time and went on junketing trips to Cedar Point and other places of amusement, at the expense of the state; that his employees worked only about four days in a week and drew pay for six.

Why, bless you, Vic, everybody else in the state knew all about this two years ago. But we are glad that you have at last found it out for yourself. It became a matter of common knowledge during the campaign of 1914, and was one of the main things which discredited the last administration. It was also well known that the things pointed out in the auditors report were mere peccadilloes in comparison with other things which were done in that department-- such as wrecking solvent banks in order to permit broken-down, democratic politicians to come in and the wake and feast at the trough while winding up the business of the concern; and sending state officials on long junketing trips to distant parts of the nation as "inspectors" for the blue sky branch of the department; and like misdemeanors which made the banking department of the state "stink unto the heavens". Wx

We are glad, however, that the auditor has at last found it out and made a report upon it. There are several other things in other departments, such as the stealing of referendum petitions to prevent a referendum on the Warnes law, and the expenditure of large funds by some of the departments which never passed into or out of the state treasury so as to give the people a chance to keep tab on them, that some one might dig up and report upon. But like the acts of Lattanner, they are now ancient history, and perhaps it is well to let them be forgotten.

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By Claude C. Waltermire.

Columbus, O., May 18--James M. Cox feels that Woodrow Wilson will be a millstone around his neck in his effort for reelection.

The above sentiment implied by the former governor, in answer to a question asked by The Columbus Citizen as to whether or not Mr. Cox thought he would be reelected governor and why, threw consternation into the Democratic camp at the capital Tuesday evening. Mr. Cox said:

"If the state ticket were separated from the national, the present administration would be beaten by 100,000."

Therefore the name of Wilson above the name of Cox on the ticket will, in his opinion, heavily reduce the majority he would otherwise receive for governor.

Another question asked the ex-governor was what he expected to accomplish if he were reelected governor. His answer:

"The chief objective will be to turn things around and let the state move forward progressively as from 1913 to 1915."

This means another Lattanner;

Another giving away of the serum farm;

Another theft of a bill in the legislature;

Another attempt to steal a referendum petition for which the thief was sentenced to the penitentiary--and pardoned on election morning.

Another autocratic assumption of the control of the taxing machinery by the restoration of the iniquitous Warnes law;

Another attack on the National Guard;

Another great increase in salary expense;

Another unnecessary million overhead expense;

Another law to force lobbyists to deal directly with the governor;

Another Cincinnati traction scandal;

Another crippling of the Smith One Per Cent law;

Another holding out of receipts from the state treasury;

Another rewarding of political service by double rentals;

Another conviction for levying tribute from civil service employees;

Another "rubber stamp" legislature;

Another letting of illegal road contracts for which his successor (must pay;

Another lease on life for the loan sharks;

Another starving of state wards in an effort to make a financial showing;

Another writing of "by and with the consent of the governor" into every statute which provides for the filling of an office, or the expenditure of public money.

In short, Mr. Cox promises to duplicate the administration for which he was so decisively repudiated.



Editorial:--

One of the imperative duties which lie before the Republican voters at the coming primaries is to select good, capable men for Congress. It is a foregone conclusion that the next Congress will be republican. The present congress has shown its utter inability to cope with the big questions which confront this age. The people are looking to the republican party for relief. Men should be selected who are experienced, and who are broad enough not only to see the needs of Big Business, but also of Little Business. Men who are not only in touch with the needs of the business man, but with the farmer as well. Men who not only know the needs of capital, but of labor likewise. No mere politician should be nominated for this important office in a single district. Three years <sup>ago</sup> the democratic party came into power under false pretenses. It railed against "the high cost of living", and solemnly promised, if placed in power, it would reduce the cost of living. But once in, not a measure was introduced tending in that direction. Not even a resolution was passed expressing a desire to lessen the burdens of the people. The flaming headlines disappeared from the papers, and apparently the problem of the high cost of living was forgotten. From the day that the democratic party assumed the reins of government the prices of all articles of food have been going up, and not a word is uttered concerning the subject. In this great country, with a hundred million people occupying the choicest stretch of earth on the face of the globe, and rich enough soil to feed a billion people, there should be a means of lessening the cost of the common necessities of mankind. None should be hungry in such a land as we possess, and some attention should speedily be given to this subject-- the most vital which confronts the age. Politicians will not solve it. We need some broad-minded men in Congress who are able to point the way. The primaries do not come until August, it is none too soon to begin to look about to see what manner of men are putting themselves forward as candidates for the nation's great representative council. With the primary, the voters have it in their power to select whomsoever they will. If the right men are not seeking the office, they should be hunted out and forced into the race. Mr. Voter, look well to your Congressional aspirants.

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In the New Jersey primaries, out of 28,000 democratic votes cast, Wilson got but 25,000, notwithstanding his name was printed on the ballot and no one was running against him. In other words, he lost one out of every nine ballots cast. Is dear old New Jersey going back on her idol?



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News letter of the Ohio Republican Editorial Association, Commercial Building, Room 515, Columbus, Ohio. Claude C. Waltermire, Correspondent.

By Claude C. Waltermire

Columbus, O., May 22--For many years the canals of Ohio were used merely for political purposes and were a liability, instead of an asset, to the state. Practically ever since the railroads superceded the canal-boats as carriers of commerce, these dilapidated waterways have lain as an incubus on the taxpayers of the state. Under the present administration, the canals are no longer a liability. They are making money for Ohio. In former years the people paid for the upkeep of their canals and canal lands and paid the salaries of political henchmen. It will be recalled that the good governor Harmon made his second campaign almost wholly on the representation of great discoveries he had made concerning the management of the canals, and his promises to do great things in bringing about reforms; but after his election, nothing further was heard of it, and the canals continued to be a nightmare.

Even his successor, who was reforming everything, failed to infuse any new life into their slimy depths. But the present administration, with no flourish of trumpets, applied its usual business methods to this problem and solved it.

The Department of Public Works has converted an annual deficit of \$255,248.71 into a net earning of \$85,000.00. In the last ten years the canals of the state have cost the people of Ohio, in excess of all receipts, \$2,532,487.10. Under the policy now inaugurated and in force under the present administration, in the next ten years they will pay the people, over all expenditures, the substantial sum of \$850,000.00.

This condition of affairs in the Department of Public Works is brought about by business-like methods in handling the canals. The same program of efficiency and economy is being carried out here that is being followed in every department of the state's government.

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George Hamilton, Chief Inspector of Workshops and Factories, has declared war on the Manufacturing in Ohio, or the shipping into the state of unsanitary mattresses. In speaking of the course he will pursue, Mr. Hamilton says:--"The mattress law was placed on the statute books of Ohio in 1911. There never was a conviction under the law until the one obtained at Youngstown in April, 1916. There a dealer pleaded guilty to a violation of the law and was fined. There will be no more sale of mattresses manufactured from unsanitary material as long as I am at the head of this department. The laboring classes, many of whom cannot afford to buy the highest grade of mattresses, are the ones who suffer. The



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housewife sells an old mattress, which is full of dirt and germs, to a junkman for thirty cents. On pay day she goes up town and buys a mattress--her same old mattress--with a new cover, brings it in at the front door and is highly pleased with her purchase. She doesn't know that the junkman ripped off the cover and sold the filling to some manufacturer and that she is getting it all back at a high price, or worse than that, a mattress filled with stuff much more unsanitary than that contained in the mattress she junked."

Mr. Hamilton is on to all the tricks of this nefarious business, and he has a number of cases pending and a number of investigations under way.

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#### By Their Fruits Shall Ye Know Them

The preceding administration prated about "human uplift," and published itself as the great "friend of man," but left the state's wards huddled in the aisles of the state institutions, ill fed, and ill clad.

The present administration, boasting not of its humanitarianism, made room for the unfortunates, provided food and clothing, and thus by its deeds proved its interest in humanity.

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It took some nerve for the Hamilton county Democratic Central Committee to indorse Cox for governor while Harmon was still "in the hands of his friends," and had not announced as yet that he would withdraw. That's the Cox way of doing things, however. Political courtesy would have suggested that most any candidate that he keep off the reservation of his opponent at least till he had announced definitely whether or not he would stay in the race. It is said that the Harmon crowd are mad clear through at the pulling of this political stunt, and that they are swearing that Harmon will now unsheath his sword and show the Coxites a trick worth two of theirs.

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The large amount of favorable comment, upon the administration of Governor Willis, at the recent meeting of the State Medical Society at Cleveland is further evidence of how his program of efficiency and economy is received, generally.

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At last they have smoked Secretary Baker out, and at the persistent entreaty of the Coxites, President Wilson has consented to let Baker come to Ohio and act as chairman of the state convention. We wonder if he will make his keynote speech on "Single Tax", which has so long been his hobby, or devote the time to explaining the Mexican situation. It would be especially interesting if he would tell us about the raising of the embargo on arms and ammunition which put an American gun in the hands of every Mexican, and which our boys are now compelled to go up against in their pursuit of Villa.

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The state Highway Department has, by introducing business methods, so reduced the overhead expense that a dollar goes farther now in building actual mileage than a dollar and a half did under the former administration. That department is making a splendid showing and at the end of the year the new roads will speak for themselves.

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Two weeks ago James M. Cox was in a receptive mood for the Democratic nomination for governor, in order that he might save the President. Now he feels that the name of Wilson on the same ballot with him will seriously cripple his chances to "come back."

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Columbus O. May 19--When the formal declaration of Governor Frank B. Willis for renomination was filed with Secretary of State , Charles Q. Hildebrant today, the Secretary gave out the following statement:

"Governor Willis should be renominated without opposition and he will be re-elected by a largely increased majority.. The people voted for a change in the state administration in 1914 and they want Governor Willis to continue on the job and complete the work so well begun in the few months that have elapsed since his inauguration.

"When it is taken into consideration that the Democratic forces were in control of state affairs for seven years and during this period six sessions of the legislature were held, (including one special session under Governor Harmon and two special sessions under Governor Cox) and also a state constitutional convention, all controlled by the Democrats, Governor Willis has done more than any other one Republican could hope to do in bringing about the necessary changes in the state laws and administration policies with only one session of the legislature and but a few month's service to his credit.

"The Governor merits a re-nomination in every sense of the word and his election, which will follow as a matter of course, will enable him to carry out his party policies to a greater extent and thus complete one of the most popular and most satisfactory administrations in the history of the state."

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"Put." Sandles owns the Ottawa County Sentinel. It says: "State Treasurer Archer is making one of the best state officers Ohio has ever had. He attends strictly to business. He safeguards the interests of the state."

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Mr Cox promises the return of the iniquitous Warnes Tax law. Under the present law, larger returns were made at a saving of more than a hundred<sup>w</sup> thousand dollars.

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News letter of the Ohio Republican Editorial Association, Commercial Building, Room 515, Columbus, Ohio. Claude C. Waltermire, Correspondent.

By Claude C. Waltermire.

Columbus O. May 25--There is an under current of dissatisfaction and deep concern over the action of the Democratic committee in selecting Newton D. Baker, Secretary of War, to sound the keynote speech at the Democratic state convention June 1. The committee was not unanimous for Baker, John Brown of Zanesville being in favor of senator Pomerene for the honor.

There is a strong feeling out over the state against the selection of Baker. At the time he was chosen to the cabinet position by President Wilson, many democrats were opposed to the appointment, feeling that an experienced man ought to have been given that important post.

Baker's selection as "keynoter" was engineered by W. W. Durbin of Kenton. Durbin was the democratic boss of Hardin county until he was defeated for member of the school board in Kenton. Durbin had a candidate for postmaster of Kenton. Pomerene did not recommend Durbin's man, but held an election instead. Durbin's man lost out and that is his chief reason for being against the Senator as the keynote orator.

The Democratic state convention will be staged in this city June 1. Durbin and W. L. Finley have the details in hand and it is being staged with former Governor Cox as the chief actor. In fact it will be a Cox affair to the exclusion of everyone else. Durbin and Finley will see to it that Cox, although decisively repudiated two years ago, is given ~~xxxxxxxx~~ the regular, stereotyped endorsement and the delegates will be expected to give unanimous approval of the Cox-Wolfe-Finley slate before time to go to the National Democratic convention at St. Louis.

Although this slate will be pushed through by those in control of the machine, it will not relieve the concern of that wing of the Democratic party in Ohio which is opposed to this repudiated machine.

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Columbus O. May 25--Hon. Frank H. Reighard, Chairman of the Finance committee of the House of Representatives, has forever put a quietus on the statements being made by unfriendly newspapers that the Willis administration has failed to give proper attention and money for the caring for state wards. Concerning the bureau of Juvenile Research and others, Mr. Reighard says:-

"The law creating the bureau of Juvenile Research went into effect just six months prior to the beginning of the Willis administration. In the first four and one half months of that time, the state Board of Administration, which has charge of the work of the bureau, with millions of dollars at its command, appropriated in lump sums, spent for all purposes in prosecuting the work of the bureau, \$1417.07. At that rate the expense for the year would have been \$3778.80. The Willis legislature appropriated for the work \$10,676.12 annually. Compared with what the Cox board spent, the appropriation made by the last board was anything but stingy.

"The demand that came from every quarter of the state, from child welfare societies, probate judges and probation officers, was for cottages for the housing of patients, that the feeble minded, epileptic and insane may be segregated. Not a single demand was made for a building for the bureau of Juvenile Research, except one from the Board of Administration for \$20,000 for that purpose. Governor Cox's budget submitted to the Willis legislature does not contain a word of recommendation for the appropriation of a dollar either for the work or a building for the bureau.

"The demand for cottages was not a new one, as the Institution for the Feeble Minded and Hospital for Epileptics were refusing to take patients, owing to crowded conditions.



At these two institutions the Cox legislature had appropriated \$210,000 for new buildings, while the Willis legislature appropriated \$493,000 for the same purpose. For new buildings and betterments at state institutions the Willis legislature appropriated more than \$1,500,000, the largest amount appropriated for like purposes by any legislature in the last 50 years. Does this look like stinginess?"

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Concerning the appointment of J.S. Kimbrough, a veteran of the Civil War, as superintendent of the Ohio Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphans Home at Xenia, Robert J. Odell, president of the Association of Ex-Pupils writes Governor Willis as follows:-

"During the past week the press of the state has widely published that the Association of Ex-pupils of the Ohio Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphans' Home was strenuously opposed to the appointment of Comrade J. S. Kimbrough as superintendent of that great institution. If there be any objection to this appointment, it has never been brought to my attention; on the contrary I have heard the highest expressions of satisfaction and commendation of the action of the Board in appointing a Civil War veteran to that office. "

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Columbus ). May 25--The committee on arrangements for the Republican State Convention, appointed by Hon. W.L. Parmenter, Chairman Republican State Central Committee, has unanimously agreed upon the following temporary officers for the Republican state convention, to be held in Columbus on June 21 and 22:

Chairman	Ralph D. Cole	Hancock County
Secretary	John P. Maynard	Allen "
Asst. "	Elmer S. Landes	Wayne
Asst. "	George Deckabach	Hamilton
Asst. "	Charles F. Wetzel	Cuyahoga
Asst. "	Warren E. Barnett	Franklin
Sergeant-at-Arms	O. C. Gray	Harrison
Asst. " " "	C. C. Varner	Ashtabula
2nd. " " "	Edward T. Banks	Montgomery
3rd. " " "	Toppy Troupe	Clarke
4th. " " "	A.T. Robinson	Lawrence
Chaplain	Rev. C. R. Havighurst	Columbus, Ohio.
Chaplain	Rev. Geo. L. Davis	Columbus, Ohio.
Official Stenographer	R. M. King	Franklin County.

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The coming state Republican convention will be an oldtime love-feast, old line and progressives falling upon each other's necks with joy at the reunion of kindred spirits. The state Democratic convention will be bristling with sabres. Half the committee bucked on Baker after the President consented to let him come and act as chairman, and it was only by pleading that it would be an open affront to Wilson that they were beaten into line at all. It is well known that Baker belongs to the Cox wing of the party and is obnoxious to the Harmon followers. Oh, there will be blood on the moon when the democratic convention gets under way. When they reach the point of "Resoluting" there will be a rumpus of the kind which would have filled the heart of old Bill Allen with the supremest joy.

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From every part of the state come words of praise for the Willis administration. Economy, efficiency and a freedom from bluff and bluster are receiving the hearty endorsement of the people. Said a man from up in Northeastern Ohio the other day: "The people up our way are just beginning to realize what a proposition the governor had to go up against when he came into office with all the places filled with appointees who did their utmost to tie his hands and foil his efforts at reform. They are getting next to the situation, and have begun to learn the facts about the combination of spoilsmen who have so long attempted to run the state and dictate to the administration of every governor.

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News letter of the Ohio Republican Editorial Association, Commercial Building, Room 515, Columbus, Ohio, Claude C. Waltermire, Correspondent.

By Claude C. Waltermire.

Columbus O. May 29--James M. Cox will hold his state convention in Columbus next Thursday. The stage is all set. The scenery has all been painted with the same old machine colors and the work has been under the direction of the Cox-Wolfe-Finley combination. Finley has been in complete control ever since Cox was sent back to Dayton by the people of Ohio in 1914.

That there will be opposition to the slate there is no question. The machine claims the majority of the delegates and in all probability has them. But the row which started in a session of the sub-committee in Columbus about ten days ago, has spread dissention over different parts of Ohio and there will be delegates present who will object to being the same old rubber stamp variety which characterized the Cox legislature of 1913 and 1914.

The breach came when Finley forced the selection of Secretary of War, Baker, as the "keynoter." Three of this sub-committee were against Newt. But Finley talked about a personal affront to the President, and the sub-committee knew that it would be easy for Foxy Bill to wire the entire committee to come to Columbus; so they voted for Baker. John Brown of Zanesville would not budge and voted for Pomerene.

Then there are Harmon followers who believe that he should be the nominee. These are Democrats who know what the people of Ohio think of the Cox machine.

The muddle promises to result in one of the hottest Democratic state conventions ever held in Ohio. There are some who believe that ~~xx~~ there will be enough anti-Cox delegates to keep the convention from adopting the machine platform, and some go so far as to predict that there will be no platform adopted at all. Cox favors the old machine laws for which he was repudiated and has made his wishes public. His attitude is that of bluff. He seems to think that a personal machine with one man rule and a bold face will win the confidence of the voters. There is no doubt but that the fire will fly in the old capital next Thursday, because the machine is staging the entire show for the Dayton autocrat.

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The new Secretary of War, Mr. Baker, who is to be permitted by the president to utter the keynote speech of the Ohio Democratic Campaign, made the principal address for the state organization of Single Taxers in their meeting in Columbus last Winter.



## THE EFFRONTERY OF IT!

Unable to make any defense of the extravagance of the Cox administration compared with the present one, the alleged Republican Ohio State Journal undertakes to disparage it by ridicule, thus:

"Economy is running riot in regard to office space for state departments. The drafting department for the public works has been located in a garage adjoining the boiler room in the basement of the State house; the liquor commission is in the attic where the Guinea ~~for~~ pigs used to be kept, and the state printer is to be placed in one of the rooms of the State Library by a strange idea of congruity. Nobody would ~~have~~ be surprised to hear that the governor had arranged to ground rent the High Street front of the Capitol square for haberdashers booths, cigars and popcorn. There is really no limit to the economic features of the thing if dignity and propriety are discarded.

Mr. Voter, when you have time, go and look at some of these offices which the Wolfe publication takes so much satisfaction in ridiculing.

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President Wilson will run upon his record, necessarily, for the platform upon which he previously ran is quite dangerous because of broken planks.

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When our Government refused to recognize Huerta and went still farther and intervened in Mexican elections by declaring he should not be a candidate for the Mexican Presidency, or be voted for by his own countrymen, it assumed a responsibility for Mexico and the Mexicans that was surprising to the world, and its results will be many and long continued.

If the Administration had but been aswilling in 1913, 1914, 1915, and 1916 to acknowledge its national duties to Americans in Mexico as it was eager to assume the championship of the bandits, insurrectionists and revolutionists that it classed as Mexican patriots and political, social and religious reformers, it would have done far greater service to the people of both countries and to humanity at large.

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Publication of the annual report of the Tax Commission of Ohio for 1914, as contracted for in the closing days of the Cox administration, cost the people of Ohio \$1175.95, for 500 copies, or \$2.25 per copy. Publication of this report for 1915, the first year of the Willis administration, cost \$382.91 for 1000 copies, or 38.2 cents per copy--a saving of 500 per cent. Yet the 1915 reports contain more information of real value to the people of Ohio than did its carelessly prepared predecessor. This is just a typical example of the policy of the Willis administration demanding "a dollar of value for a dollar of expenditure."

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Columbus O. May 29--"There will be a sweeping Republican victory all over the country this fall," said former congressman Ralph . Cole, who has just returned from a trip through the Rocky Mountain states in the interests of the candidacy of Hon. Theodore E. Burton for the presidency. "Burton will get many votes from the California and Arizona delegations and in Oregon is second choice to Justice Hughes. Senator Burton is strong in all parts of the West."

Speaking of the political situation generally, Mr. Cole said:- "When you reach the Rocky Mountain states you do not see the war prosperity of the East and there is much dissatisfaction over industrial conditions where fruit growing and other pursuits are followed by the citizenry.

"In the western states the people are not at all satisfied with the present administration's Mexican policy. They feel there is a lack of Americanism and back bone at Washington. I would not be surprised to see several Republican congressmen from the state of Texas. The Republican majorities will be much greater in proportion than they will be in the East.

Mr. Cole also called attention to the fact that in many Western states the program of economy and efficiency of the administration of Governor Willis is being watched with interest.



News letter of the Ohio Republican Editorial Association, Commercial Building, Room 515, Columbus, Ohio. Claude C. Waltermire, Correspondent.

By Claude C. Waltermire.

Columbus, O. June 1--Secretary of State Charles Q. Hildebrant has given facts and figures in connection with the letting of the contract for automobile tags which proves that the office of the Secretary of state is practicing the same "efficiency and economy" as other departments of the present administration. Secretary Hildebrant says:--

"This whole tempest-in-a-teapot over supplying the state with automobile number tags began last Summer when Democratic State Chairmen, W. L. Finley and W. W. Durbin, failed to secure the contract for supplying the tags this year. Messrs. Finley and Durbin had been favored with this contract for four consecutive years at the following prices, altho the records of this office show there were offers to supply the tags at a less price than that named in the contract awarded to them.

"In 1912 the contract price for tags was 26 cents, 1913 the price was 23 cents, 1914 it was 22 cents and in 1915 the contract was 20 cents. There was a bid on file, The Western Display Co., St. Paul, Minn., to furnish the 1915 tags for 17 cents, but this was ignored and Messrs. Finley and Durbin awarded the contract at their price.

"The specifications for the 1916 tags were prepared and on file for months in the office of the State Registrar of Automobiles, where they were inspected by numerous manufacturers, including Mr. Durbin, and he was asked to submit a bid. Instead of filing a bid, he sought to have the specifications so changed as to practically stifle competition and make his company about the only one eligible to bid. When the specifications were not changed to conform to his requests, he refused to file a bid, giving out to his associates at the time that he would not bid unless "everything was set" for him to get the contract. Among the bids received were; N. Y. Metal Ceiling Co., New York City, 19 3/4 cents; The Ingram Richards Mfg. Co., Beaver Falls, Pa., 22 cents; Davies Mfg. Co., Akron, 19-1/4 cents.

"Believing the bid of the Davies Mfg. Co., and Ohio Corporation, to be the lowest and best bid, and knowing that the State under their contract would secure a better tag at the lowest price paid in history of the automobile department and also at a lower price than that paid by a majority of other states, the contract was awarded to the Davies Co., which has supplied the State with 190,000 tags so far this year.

"Before awarding the contract, I submitted the matter to several prominent attorneys, including one of the assistants in the Attorney General's office, and was told that the contract was legal and valid in every respect and the best contract that could be made at the time."

"Every possible effort has been made by the Durbin people to embarrass the automobile department, they finally prevailing upon Auditor of State Mr. Donahey to hold up the vouchers given in payment for the tags. They have in this manner shut off the supply and forced the state into the position of accepting hundreds of thousands of dollars from automobile owners without returning the tags covering same and which they are required by statute to have before they can operate their automobiles.

"That the contract for the 1916 Ohio tags compares favorably with those awarded by other states will be seen at a glance at the following prices paid last year: California, 38 cents; Iowa, 23 cents; Illinois, 25 cents; Michigan, 20 cents; Pennsylvania, 33-1/4 cents; New York, 23-1/2 cents; Missouri, 23 cents; Indiana, 23-1/2 cents; Massachusetts 27-1/2 cts.

"I have had under consideration for some time the plan of having the automobile tags manufactured by the state and to this end have taken the matter up with the Governor and the State Board of Administration. No doubt this proposition can be worked out satisfactorily, which will net the state a saving of \$25,000 annually. When this plant is once established, the state will also furnish highway and street crossing signs and thus make an added saving of thousands of dollars annually.

"If the current rumors are true that the tag contract matter has been taken to the courts by Messrs. Finley, Durbin and Donahey, in order to furnish the Democratic press bureau with some campaign thunder let them go to it. The state of Ohio is getting the best and cheapest tag in its history and the automobile owners will not be slow in placing the responsibility of delay in securing their tags and the consequent embarrassment, just where it belongs."



Columbus, O. June 1--Automobile tags for Ohio will be made by the convicts in the Ohio penitentiary. The plan was first inaugurated by Governor Frank B. Willis and submitted to the Board of Administration. There were several legal phases which had to be taken care of before the plans were completed and these have been attended to, and next year the money heretofore spent for automobile tags will remain in the state treasury.

The plan of the present administration to make tags in the state institution is merely in keeping with its program of economy and efficiency, and a saving of the people's money, while at the same time it gives the idle convicts something to do.

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The sum of \$700,000 spent by the New York state Panama-Pacific Exposition commission--with \$5000 table service, \$2000 dinners and \$5 breakfasts for individual commissioners--represents a pleasing incident in the extravagance of this state. No wonder that so great care was taken to cover up the items in the account. Office-holders and politicians who squander the people's money in that way may be glad of the opportunity, but very timid about facing the bare truth. It will be a long time before Governor Whitman hears the last of the \$25,000 spent for his trip to San Francisco.

----New York World.

The above reminds us that Governor Willis paid his own expenses to the Panama-Pacific Exposition and that the Ohio Commission returned more to the treasury of the state than the Willis legislature appropriated.

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Columbus O, June 1---The Cox-Wolfe Columbus Dispatch charged last Sunday that Governor Willis and Secretary of State Hildebrandt had entered into a political deal for the appointment of Judge Kimbrough as Superintendent of the Soldiers and Sailors Orphan's Home at Xenia. Robert J. O'Dell, President of the Ex-pupils association says that the appointment of Judge Kimbrough is perfectly satisfactory.

Edward W. Hughes, assistant clerk of the House and former president of the Ex-pupils association, nails the last lie of the Dispatch. He says that he has personal knowledge that Secretary Hildebrandt favored General Amos Huffman, a life long friend, for the position. The charge made by the Cox organ is just as reliable as all other charges it has made against the present administration. None are to be relied upon.

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The daily petty attacks of the Cox-Wolfe Columbus newspapers do not indicate what kind of a man Governor Willis really is, but they do show beyond the shadow of a doubt the narrowness and irresponsibility of the Columbus Dispatch and give the people of central Ohio a keen insight into dirty politics of the rankest kind.

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It is becoming more and more noticeable that the Democrats have given up the discussion of real issues in Ohio and are depending upon the defamation of good men, and unfounded insinuation. They have dropped to the level of petty abuse.

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Lieutenant-Governor John H. Arnold, in a statement, says that he has no ill feeling against any man entering the primary campaign, but that he will support state officials seeking a second term. "The administration has made good every pledge," says Arnold.

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The top piece of A.P. Sandles, who knows something about the giving away of the state serum farm, is in the ring against the Dayton Autocrat for the Democratic nomination for governor.

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News letter of the Ohio Republican Editorial Association, Commercial Building, Room 515, Columbus, Ohio. Claude C. Waltermire, Correspondent.

By Claude C. Waltermire.

Columbus, O. June 2--James M. Cox nominated himself for governor in the Democratic State convention at Memorial Hall in this city ~~Thursday~~ afternoon. Newton D. Baker, Secretary of War, and supposed mouth piece of the Wilson administration, talked for a couple of hours, while delegates came and went as they grew tired of his lengthy excuses for the administration failing to make good its platform pledges. He took Wilson from under all mistakes and broken pledges by putting him above the Democratic party.

The allusions made to the Cox administration drew enthusiasm only in spots. Even the Wolfe-bossed Franklin county delegates failed to effervesce, sitting like so many sphinxes. The names of ex-governor Campbell and ex-governor Harmon got quite as much applause.

There was no platform adopted. Cox made his platform a couple of weeks ago when he answered ten questions propounded to him by the Scripps-McRae Newspaper league. He promised then that if he is re-elected governor, and a Democratic legislature with him, the same laws will be reenacted and placed upon the statute books. Baker, while alluding to the Cox dynasty, did not mention the nefarious Warnes law, and even Cox himself fought shy of it. Probably the Dayton autocrat has been given a little advice since he wrote his platform. No one ever heard of a state convention which did not have nerve enough to adopt a platform, until the farce of Thursday went down in history as a lot of noise, clouds of tobacco smoke, and nothing else in particular.

The only endorsement was that of James M. Cox--by himself. He took it for granted that he would be the nominee of the party. The cards were shuffled for him by the Cox-Wolfe-Finley outfit before the convention, and he knew before hand that the convention was being staged especially for him. Sandles was entirely ignored.

This bunch of politicians arranged it so that there should be nothing else done at the convention, and in order that the unwashed might not get too greatly riled at the plan, Newtie was asked to come and make the show a little more of a drawing card. The rural delegate, who thought he was coming to aid in the drafting of a platform, instead of listening to the laudation of Cox by Mr. Cox, was sorely disappointed. ~~xxx~~

Then there is another phase to the situation which Democratic leaders are discussing. The convention was held Thursday so that Cox could be the early bird and catch the worm before the St. Louis convention, and thus go there as the big Indian from Ohio. It had been all fixed to write Cox a platform and endorse him for governor. That was the whole purpose of the show. But at the eleventh hour Put Sandles butted in, and by announcing his candidacy, spoiled the game. Put has his friends in the party. If he beats Cox for the nomination, you can pin it in your hat that he will not want to run on a Cox platform. It would be too autocratic for Put. On the other hand, if Cox is nominated, he would not want to run on a platform which would suit the Sage of Ottawa. So the platform will have to be made in September to fit the man who is running for the job. It was a bitter pill for the followers of Cox to gulp down and still look pleasant, followers who for two years fattened at the crib and who are hungering to return to the stalls, to see their old chief pushed aside to await the results of the primary. They gnashed their teeth and muttered some things about Put which were not nice enough to be uttered audibly. The fight between the factions is now on.

Keynoter Baker, by the things he advocated in his keynote, insistently maintained his reputation for unlimited extravagance in city expenditures; paying no attention to economy, the man who raised the expenditures of Cleveland millions per annum above what careful students of municipal affairs say they ought to have been, denounced the limitation laws of the state and demanded "open House" for the tax spenders, regardless of what the taxpayer might think of care. It was notable that during this part of his speech, which was a chief part so far as state issues were concerned, Baker received very little applause from the supporters of former governor Harmon, and the delegates from outside the big cities who were present in the convention. The whole thing was a farce and the delegates went home wondering what they had come for.

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Columbus O. June 3--The Biennial Convention of the National Republican League will be held in the Florentine room, Congress Hotel, Chicago, at 11 A.M., June 6th., the day immediately preceeding the presidential convention. Governor Willis will speak on the question, "Why Should a First Voter Join the Republican Party?"

In the approaching campaign effort will be made by the Ohio Republican League to exceed its success of 1908 when 266 clubs were formed with a membership of 83,687.

The president of the National League, Mr. John Hays Hammond, will maintain the Ohio Republican League headquarters at Columbus and furnish blanks, badges, campaign literature, club prizes and paraphernalia.

# OHIO DELEGATES AT LARGE

James R. Hopley	Bucyrus	A.N.Rodway	Cleveland
Chas. A. Cottrell	Toledo	Bert B. Buckley	Dayton
Frank B. Willis	Columbus	Latham H. Conger	Akron

## FIRST AND SECOND DISTRICTS, CINCINNATI

John Galvin	Frank Kunkel	John Burchenal	Edwin Winter
Julius Fleischman	Leonard Smith	Stanley Struble	Dr. Louis Schwab

## THIRD DISTRICT

John J. Baker,	Dayton	Geo. W. Porter,	Greenville	Geo. Simmons,	Hicksville
Milton Beeghly	"	Wm. E. Halley,	"	M. E. Loose,	Napoleon
Edw. C. Wolfe	"	Chas. F. Herbst,	Wapakoneta	S. E. Myers,	Continental
E. A. Deeds	"	W. W. Wood, 3rd.	Piqua	A. N. Wilcox,	Paulding

## FOURTH DISTRICT.

## FIFTH DISTRICT

## SIXTH DISTRICT

## SEVENTH DISTRICT

James A. Harps,	Greenfield	Gen. J. Warren Keifer,	Springfield
George Davis,	Portsmouth	Judge Frank W. Geiger,	"
Frank J. McCafferty,	Fayetteville	Newton H. Fairbanks,	"
Claude C. Waltermire	Upper Sandusky	W. O. Jackson,	"

## EIGHTH DISTRICT

Arthur B. Waltermire,	Findlay
Charles H. Lewis,	Harpster
E. L. Brown,	R. F. D. Morrall
Dwight Fowler,	Harpster

## NINTH DISTRICT

John N. Willys,	Toledo
Noah H. Evans,	"
Holland C. Webster	"
John G. Steinkamp	Elmore

## TENTH DISTRICT

Edwin Jones,	Jackson
A. R. Johnson,	Ironton
L. G. Worstell	Athens
H. D. Moore,	McArthur

## ELEVENTH DISTRICT

D. Meade Massie,	Chillicothe
Chas. B. Whiley,	Lancaster
John F. White,	Logan
Laberte Davie,	New Lexington

## TWELFTH DISTRICT

Fred W. Tibbetts	Columbus
Herbert M. Myers	"
W. E. Barnett,	"
Clarence Maris	"

## THIRTEENTH DISTRICT

C. S. Hatfield	Bowling Green
Sol. M. Wolf	Bellevue
Fred'k. Hopkins	Fostoria
Morton W. Bland	Bellevue

## FOURTEENTH DISTRICT

A. M. Noah	Akron
A. D. Robinson	Ravenna
Judge S. H. McClure	Medina
John W. McCoy	Barberton

## FIFTEENTH DISTRICT

H. Clay Van Voorhis,	Zanesville
Harvey Smith	Marietta
Judge J. Q. Lyne	McConnellsville
C. G. Gibson	Caldwell

## SIXTEENTH DISTRICT

P. S. Cooper	Canal Dover
Henry W. Harter	Canton
C. V. Edwards	Millersburg
Wm. R. Curry	Wooster

## SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT

Chas. W. Montgomery	Newark
Seth W. Snyder	Coshocton
Grant Dowds	Mt Vernon
E. B. Cappelber	Mansfield

## EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT

Harry T. Hall	E. Liverpool
Howald Wright	"
Jos. C. Heihlein	Bridgeport
Harry R. Kemmerer	Carrollton

## NINETEENTH DISTRICT

Joseph G. Butler, Jr.	Youngstown
Hiram E. Starkey,	Jefferson
Granville W. Mooney	Chicago (Cong)
D. R. Gilbert	Warren Hot

## DISTRICTS 20TH, 21ST, AND 22ND. CLEVELAND

C. E. Mellen	Arthur Day	Ralph Sanborn
Anasa Mather, Jr.	W. H. Seagrave	A. A. Cartwright
P. White	Lamar Beman	M. C. Portman
John A. Elden	W. H. Thomas	Charles Rosenblatt.



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News letter of the Ohio Republican Editorial Association, Commercial Building, Room 515, Columbus, Ohio. Claude C. Waltermire, Correspondent.

By Claude C. Waltermire.

Columbus O. June 5--Worry in the Democratic camp cropped out two weeks ago when it was learned that the convention staged in this city Thursday was merely a machine-planned affair for the sole benefit of James M. Cox. That worry has grown to consternation and the Democratic hosts are divided as never before in Ohio.

The convention was a Cox affair and nothing more. Everything, even the applause for the ex-governor, was timed. A. P. Sandles, who has weighed in for the nomination against the Dayton autocrat, announces that he will fight the old Cox-Wolfe-Finley machine to a standstill. Senator Pomerene went away from the convention, disgusted. He was not taken in on the plans and knew nothing of the scheme until Newt Baker, the man who is responsible for Cleveland being bankrupt, proceeded to nominate Cox for another term. At the proper moment Cox was called by the machine hand clappers and hat swingers and he proceeded to laud the President and Senator Pomerene. But Pomerene was keen enough to see that this was done in order that he would be obliged to come right back with a laudation of King Cox. This the Senator refused to do. He was angry at the frame up and showed it in his manner. His friends were in the majority in the convention and they were just as disgusted as was Pomerene.

The Cox machine was in evidence everywhere. Rudolph Mack, of Cincinnati, came here with his manager, Matt Glaser and was in attendance at the convention. He and Glaser held conferences at the Neil Hotel with Charles Gerrish, whom all Republicans know for his turning against the party because the party could not see him above itself. Mack waited until the Democratic convention had adjourned and after conferences with Bob Wolfe and other Democrats, filed his papers and entered the campaign against Governor Willis for the Republican nomination.

Mr. Cox has real opposition in Mr. Sandles, who stands high with the rank and file of the Democratic party and not so high with the machine. Sandles was incensed at the slight he received at the hands of those in charge of the Cox-Finley-Wolfe show and made plain his feelings in an interview Friday.

Mack is not considered opposition to the Governor. He is masquerading as a "dry" in his statements and the Wolfe papers are playing for the dry support for Mack. It is noticeable that the Anti-Saloon league has not endorsed Mack's candidacy and it is also to be remembered that he was repudiated by that organization several months ago when he attempted to give an interview to the Wolfe papers concerning the views of the League. In addition, Mack's dry claims, taken into consideration along side his manager and press agent, who have never been known to support a dry cause in their lives, make his candidacy absolutely ludicrous. The people of Hamilton county know both of them only too well. Glaser's recent "dry" flop came as a distinct shock to the county.

After Mack's agreement with the Cox-Wolfe-Finley crowd, one Democrat remarked:

"Cox has real opposition for the nomination in Sandles. Willis is fortunate in his enemies thus far."

And that is the same view of the situation taken in Columbus.

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Mr. Baker, keynoter for the Democratic convention, says the Willis administration is "characterized by feebleness and uncertainty. The Cox press bureau calls him a red-necked boss." So, Democracy is split even in its opinion of the governor.

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Commenting on the Democratic reduction of Tariff, Mr. Baker said: "To the amazement of the faithful the duties have gone down but the dinner pail is not only not empty but full to overflowing."

In the year of this tariff, before the world went to war, three million pails were empty. Now they are full--their contents blood-bought.

Did the Wilson Tariff cause the European war?

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News letter of the Ohio Republican Editorial Association, Commercial Building, Room 515, Columbus, Ohio. Claude C. Waltermire, Correspondent.

By Claude C. Waltermire.

Columbus O. June 14--Keep your eyes on the good old Buckeye state this year, for the Republicans of the nation are looking toward Ohio to lead the fight in restoring the country to the Republican party and Republican principles. No other state occupied so strong a position in the National Convention last week, and Ohio made good.

The delegation was for Theodore E. Burton for the presidential nomination, but when Ohio's favorite son was declared out by the majority of the delegates, Ohio took the lead Saturday night in beginning a whirlwind campaign for the election of Justice Hughes.

Governor Willis was one of the strong men of the convention. His speech nominating senator Burton was conceded by all to be the greatest nominating speech of the week. He brought honor not only to himself, but to his state. Immediately after his address, the Governor led the demonstration in behalf of Ohio's candidate, the loudest and longest demonstration of the session. The newspapers of Chicago and other cities regardless of their political affiliations, conceded a prominent place to Ohio's Governor and accepted him as one of the stalwarts of the country.

Chauncey M. DePew, from his seat in the New York delegation, said of Senator Harding's keynote:--"It was one of the strongest political utterances of all time." Ohio was proud of her junior Senator during the entire convention. He presided with dignity and precision and was loudly cheered each time he took up the gavel. The delegates at the session following the delivery of his keynote, greeted him with a roar of cheers lasting several minutes and taking on the semblance of a stampede in his direction. Senator Harding had no ambitions for the nomination, however, and as permanent chairman, eliminated himself from any consideration.

The sentiment which nominated Justice Hughes was real. He was the unquestionable selection of the delegates assembled. The call was distinct. While the names of favorite sons and other big Republicans were cheered and while the delegates believed that all of those whose names were presented were presidential timber, the call was extended to Justice Hughes because the delegates felt that he was the man to lead a militant party to victory. His selection has caused havoc in the Democratic camp and many of the larger Democratic papers admit this to be true. Hughes was Ohio's second choice and the Buckeye state was lustily cheered on the third ballot when Governor Willis announced that Ohio's vote would be cast for the noted jurist.

Ohio also made a lasting reputation for hospitality. Senator Burton had secured the Elizabethan room at the Congress Hotel and each evening the throng of Ohio visitors was entertained with speeches by prominent Ohioans and the songs of the Columbus Republican Glee club. More delegates visited the Ohio delegation than any other. A number of Ohio women, led by Mrs. Willis, welcomed the visiting women to Ohio's headquarters.

One of the notable things was the absolute harmony of the delegates. The bitterness of 1912 was entirely forgotten and the convention to a man was bent on choosing a man who could lead the eager Republican hosts to assured victory. Ohio's representation was enthusiastic from the first day and from all parts of the state men predict a sweeping Republican restoration in November. The outlook has never been better.

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"Governor Willis made so great a hit at the Chicago convention that he will never be forgotten by the Republicans of other states who felt the thrill of his oratory and the charm of his personality. He gained national prestige in giving his candidate--Ohio's candidate--a splendid tribute. All of which must be interesting to Jimmy Cox. It is a pointed hint as to what is coming to him in this state if he gets the Democratic nomination. Frank B. Willis will rout him so completely on the stump and in all appeals to the common sense and conscience of Ohio that the result of the election will be a foregone conclusion long before the polls close. It would be a real kindness to Cox to defeat him for the Democratic nomination. It would spare him much useless effort and put him out of pain months before he will otherwise know his fate, beyond the beguiling of delusive hopes."

And there are other bosses or would-be bosses who may well take note of the fact that the people are beginning to tire of those who would force themselves into office and who would be absolute dictators if they could.

There's nothing impressive about men who would force themselves upon the public in a public capacity." ---Cleveland Leader.



Columbus O. June 14--One of the crowning features of the Chicago convention was the Republican Glee Club of Columbus. Arriving Sunday night seventy strong, the club proceeded at once to start the enthusiasm which was waiting to be kindled. The club did as much to advertise the good old state as any other force in the convention. Everybody wanted to hear the famous old Glee Club which had sung at the nomination of Grant and every other Republican president since that time, and wherever the Club went, their songs brought forth prolonged cheering and patriotic demonstrations. Mary Roberts Rinehart, the well known writer, had the following to say about the famous Republican Glee club, in the Chicago Examiner:-

"Just once yesterday did I have a glimpse of the real thing that underlies all this surface display, and that was in the Florentin room of the Congress hotel, in the morning. The Republican Glee Club of Columbus sang "Dixie" with the usual result of cheering and waving flags. Then they sang the "Star Spangled Banner." There was a change. Instantly all these men were on their feet, standing very straight. They faced toward the great flag draped across the end of the hall, and the hum of conversation around the doors died away.

"I have heard men sing their national anthem in various places: French soldiers wearily tramping along muddy roads; Belgian boys in hospitals; British recruits at St. Pauls Cathedral before leaving for the front. But because we leave our national songs mostly for school children, I do not believe I have ever before heard mature American citizen en masse singing the Star Spangled Banner."

"They sang it, and they meant it. Perhaps, after all, American patriotism is not dead of prosperity, but only sleeping."

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Columbus O. June 14--Prominent Ohio Republicans were much sought for during the Chicago convention. Their counsel was sought by the biggest men in the nation and their advice was asked for on all sides. They were also looked to for aid in the entertainment of the guests, and they responded with that spirit which always puts Ohio to the front.

Each evening at the Burton headquarters a program was given. Governor Willis as chairman of the Ohio Delegation, welcomed the visitors and invited Ohio men to speak. Among them were Hon. Myron T. Herrick, republican candidate for United States senator; Charles Dick, also a candidate for the senate; Hon. Harry M. Daugherty, Republican candidate for the senate and former state chairman; Judge D.D. Woodmansee, another senatorial aspirant; Attorney-general Edward C. Turner; Secretary of state Charles Q. Hildebrand; Hon. Ralph D. Cole; Congressman Paul Howland; Hon. William Cooper Proctor; Congressman Simeon D. Fess; General J. Warren Keiffer; Hon. John J. Sullivan and others.

Senator Harding, notwithstanding his duties as chairman, spent much time as a member of the reception committee. He and Mr. Daugherty occupied the same suite of rooms at the Congress hotel and their quarters were crowded most of the time.

All of the Ohioans above mentioned and all of the Delegates joined in making everybody welcome and comfortable at the Ohio Headquarters. The second night the committee of ladies, headed by Mrs. Frank B. Will gave souvenirs to the guests and served refreshments. The Republican Glee Club of Columbus sang at each of the evening programs.

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I stand for an unflinching maintenance of all the rights of American citizens on land and sea.--Charles E. Hughes.

The Charlie ticket is ideal.

Col. Roosevelt has shown himself willing to practice the exalted patriotism he recently has preached.

Hughes is a concentrated, powerful campaigner. He can make the opulent stop and think.

The early pressure for the nomination of Mr. Hughes was from the Progressives who had returned to the Republican party.

The Progressive party was given a great wake in the Coliseum.

Hughes owes the politicians nothing.

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Newsletter of the Ohio Republican Editorial Association, Commercial Building, Room 515, Columbus, Ohio, Claude C. Waltermire, Correspondent.

By Claude C. Waltermire.

Columbus O. June 17--The state Republican convention which meets in Columbus next Wednesday promises to be a rousing, oldtime getting together of a reunited party, alive with enthusiasm and aflame with the militant spirit of Republicanism. Many notables from this and other states will be present. The mighty wave of inspiration which emanated from the Chicago convention is putting life and vigor in the party as in days of yore, and the state convention will contribute to swell the volume. Ralph D. Cole will sound the keynote of the state campaign, a ringing platform in keeping with the great principles announced in the National Platform will be adopted, and the party will move forward with an irresistible force. The work done at Chicago has given such general satisfaction to both wings of the party that it has cemented it into one complete body, united and resolved to win.

When the party is united, there is no power on earth which can resist it. It has dominated the thought of the Nation for half a century and framed about all of the laws worth while from the days of Abraham Lincoln till now. It is only when the party has divided for a time on some minor matter that the Democratic party has been enabled to creep temporarily into power. When such schisms have resulted in a term of democratic reign, the country has always repented and taken the first opportunity to restore the party to power which stands for the things which are really vital in the life of the nation. One term of democratic tinkering has always been enough to surfeit the country. Victory is in the air this year. There is no discord in the Republican ranks, and history will repeat itself. Every Republican who can spare the time, whether he is a delegate or not, should avail himself of the opportunity of attending the convention and helping to swell the tide of enthusiasm. It will be a great occasion. The party is coming back into its own in all of the Republican states this fall, and Democracy will forced back and down below the Mason and Dixon's line where it has always flourished; and there is strong indications that even some of the border states, where the Wilson policy has suffered the soil of the Union to be ruthlessly trampled upon by Mexican bandits, will join the procession. The program for the Convention follows:

#### OHIO REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION

MEMORIAL HALL, COLUMBUS O.

WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, JUNE 21, 22.

The Convention will be called to order by William L. Parmenter, Chairman of the State Central Committee,  
At 3:00 o'clock P.M., Wednesday, June 21st. 1916.

#### Temporary Officers

RALPH D. COLE	Chairman
JOHN P. MAYNARD	Secretary
ELMER S. LANDES.....	Assistant
GEORGE DECKABACH	Secretaries
CHARLES F. WETZEL	"
WARREN E. BARNETT	"
FRED PATTERSON.....	"
O.C. GRAY	Sarg't. at Arms
C.C. VARNER.....	
EDWARD T. BANKS	Assistant
TOPPY TROUPE	Sarg'ts at Arms.
ALFRED ROBINSON.....	
C.A. LONG	Chief Door-keeper
I.A. GOREIL	Chief Usher
R.M. KING	Official Stenog'r.

#### Committee of Arrangements

BERT B. BUCKLEY, Chairman

GEORGE A. STAUFFER

FRANK B. WILSON

#### Chaplains

Wednesday

REV. C.R. HAVIGHURST

Thursday

REV. GEORGE L. DAVIS



## DISTRICT DELEGATE MEETINGS

District Delegate Meetings will be held at 2:00 o'clock  
P. M., June 21st, at the following places:-

- First and second Districts--Hamilton Co.--Governors Office,  
Third District--Butler, Montgomery and Preble Co's. Room 15, Neil House  
Fourth--Allen, Auglaize, Darke, Mercer, Miami and Shelby; State Treasurer's  
Private Office.  
Fifth--Defiance, Fulton, Henry, Paulding, Putnam, Van Wert and Williams,  
Sup't. Public Works (State House Annex)  
Sixth--Adams, Brown, Clermont, Highland, Pike and Scioto; School Com-  
missioners Office (State House Annex)  
Seventh--Champaign, Clark, Clinton, Fayette, Green, Logan, Madison, Union and  
Warren--Dairy and Food Commissioners Office,  
Eighth--Crawford, Hancock, Hardin, Marion, Morrow and Wyandot--Office of  
Chief Examiner of Steam Engines (Old State House)  
Ninth--Lucas and Ottawa--Attorney General's Office (State House Annex)  
Tenth--Athens, Gallia, Jackson, Lawrence, Meigs and Vinton--Adjutant-  
Generals Office. (Front Room)  
Eleventh--Fairfield, Hocking, Perry, Pickaway and Ross--Adjutant Gen's.  
Office (North Room)  
Twelfth--Franklin county--Office Clerk of Senate.  
Thirteenth--Erie, Huron, Sandusky, Seneca, and Wood;--Secretary of States  
office (Rear Room)  
Fourteenth--Lorain, Medina, Portage and Summit--Sec'y. State's Office  
(Front Room)  
Fifteenth--Guernsey, Monroe, Morgan, Muskingum, Noble and Washington--  
Chittended Hotel, Parlor B.  
Sixteenth--Holmes, Stark, Tuscarawas and Wayne--Office of Clerk of the  
Supreme Court (State House Annex)  
Seventeenth--Ashland, Coshocton, Delaware, Knox, Licking and Richland--  
State B'd. of Agriculture (State House Annex)  
Eighteenth--Belmont, Carrol, Columbiana, Harrison, and Jefferson;--  
State B'd. Of Agriculture (State House Annex)  
Nineteenth--Ashtabula, Mahoning, and Trumbull--State Treasurers Office,  
Twentieth and twenty first--Cuyahoga co.--Virginia Hotel, Ball Room.  
Twenty second--Geauga, Lake and part of Cuyahoga--State B'd. Of Pharmacy.  
(State House Annex)

At such meetings each district will choose one member for each of  
the following committees;

Credentials	Permanent Organization
Rules and Order of Business	Resolutions

Each district will also recommend one Vice-President of the Con-  
vention and ONE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTOR to be reported to the State Con-  
vention for its ratification.

The Convention will select TWO PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS-AT-LARGE.

These committee members will be reported to the State Convention  
at 3:00 P.M. (Standard Time) Wednesday, June 21st, and they will meet  
for the transaction of business at 7:30 P.M. at the following places:

CREDENTIALS--Hartman Hotel-Rooms 110-111  
PERMANENT ORGANIZATION--Virginia Hotel, (Parlor-Second Floor)  
RULES AND ORDER OF BUSINESS--Vendome Hotel (Parlor-First Floor)  
RESOLUTIONS--Chittended Hotel (Parlor B)

## OHIO REPUBLICAN LEAGUE

The Advisory Committee of the Ohio Republican League of Politi-  
cal Clubs will be entertained at luncheon by Clarence Maris at the  
Athletic Club at Noon on Wednesday, before the first session of the  
State Convention.

## NATIONAL CONVENTION NOTES.

The Republican convention is progressive, in its platform. The  
confession of faith wired to Chairman Harding by Mr. Hughes is a force-  
ful affirmation of that platform. Col. Roosevelt is committed to the  
support of the ticket.

Conclusive evidence that the Republicans have over-taken the Pro-  
gressives is found in the adoption of its National convention of the  
important planks of the Progressive platform--a platform upon which  
Col. Roosevelt desired to stand.



Newsletter of the Ohio Republican Editorial Association, Commercial Building, Room 515, Columbus, Ohio. Claude C. Waltermire, Correspondent.

By Claude C. Waltermire.

Columbus O. June 28--With the Republican party in Ohio being without a faction and more militant than in a decade, the issues of the fall campaign will be drawn upon the record of the present state administration in behalf of state politics; and upon the record of the present Democratic administration at Washington, nationally.

The administration of Governor Willis has the O.K. of the Republicans of Ohio. There is no opposition to him beyond the petty grievances of a few disgruntled politicians who were unable to force him to recognize ~~him to recognize~~ their claims for patronage. These are comparatively few, considering that he has had only 600 positions at the disposal of his entire administration and had more than 60,000 applicants for the jobs.

But the fight will be made on the accomplishments of the present state administration. Chief among these are economy in the conduction of state affairs. Every department has practiced economy. Useless jobs have been abolished. Salaries, where exorbitant, have been cut down. More work is being done in every department with less help, than under the former administration.

Cox promises the re-enactment of the Warnes law. The present administration promises continued rule of the people themselves in taxation and other matters. Cox promises the return of what he calls "progressive" legislation, which, if he takes in his entire administration means the return of his banking scandal. The present administration promises the same honest efforts in the banking department as are now in force.

The present administration promises more good roads, and it will not attempt to dodge the responsibility of paying for them to the extent of more than two millions of dollars as the previous administration did in an effort to make a better financial showing.

In short, the state campaign will, this year in Ohio, be a comparison of legislation for the people of Ohio as interpreted by the present administration with the "by and with the consent of the Governor" kind which Mr. Cox promises to restore if he is successful in November.

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Columbus O. June 28-- The following resolutions has met with the unanimous approval of the Civil Service commission and will no doubt be favorably acted upon by the State Board of Agriculture at its meeting this week;

WHEREAS, conditions exist between the United States and other governments which have made it necessary for the President of the United States of America, and the Governor of the State of Ohio to call for volunteers to protect life and property, and to maintain the dignity and respect of our nation; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That any person employed in the Department of Agriculture, who volunteers his services under the call issued by the President or the Governor, will be guaranteed his position at the termination of such service, and all vacancies ~~so created~~ so created shall be filled temporarily.

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The state convention proved to Governor Willis that he need not take cognizance of the barking at his heels.

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Who furnished Mexico with the bullets to shoot up the forces of Uncle Sam?

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## MAKING-GOOD- IN-A-LARGER-FIELD

Bucyrus Telegraph.

The friends of Governor Frank B. Willis are naturally much pleased at the splendid impression made by him at the Chicago Convention. As chief host at the Burton headquarters in the Congress hotel he proved his genuine friendliness, but in the larger matter of presenting Mr. Burton's name to the convention, he won the admiration of the entire convention. Of course the vast assembly in the Coliseum had a rare treat in this presentation speech by our Governor, because it was one of the best addresses he ever made, and as an introduction to a larger field of friends he acquitted himself in a way which added to the friendships and made him at once a national character.

His fidelity to duty and capacity for constructive work are daily more generally recognized and the Chicago demonstration in his honor was just a testimonial of appreciation in a larger field and permitted a wider circle of appreciative folks to give him the friendly approval his efforts deserved.

The state convention this week was more like a Willis ratification meeting than anything else. On every hand the delegates and visitors from all over Ohio voiced their approval of the governor and were loud in their claims of what might be expected of him in November at the polls. Various phases of his record as governor were enlarged upon by speakers and the efficiency and character of the administration were given much praise, and at every new expression of belief in and for Willis the convention applauded enthusiastically.

Having had eighteen months of grave responsibility in combatting the entrenched forces of the Old Wolfe-Cox-Finley gang, Mr. Willis has borne himself with steadfast purpose to do the right kind of service for Ohio, regardless of the petty quibbling of the opponents of the people. He has seldom lost his temper, but has faithfully followed his set purpose to establish for Ohio a high standard of official service, and has proven his anxiety to make his administration one of which people should be able to expect much and receive much.

The campaign this year will be one of accounting for service rendered, and Mr. Willis does not hesitate to take his own part in that campaign, because he knows his record is clean, he knows his purpose has been right and he knows he has served the people creditably and with efficiency.

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Economy--saving the peoples money-- is still the watchword and yet the slogan of the Willis administration.

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By abusing the honest and fruitful efforts of the present state Board of Agriculture for political purposes, Hon. A. "Put" Sandles seeks to destroy what he likes to take credit for aiding to build.

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By unanimous consent of the delegates at the Republican state convention last week, and the good people of Ohio in general, the two Wolfe owned and Cox controlled newspapers in Columbus have qualified for membership in the ancient order of Ananias Clubs.

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Since his Chicago speech, Governor Willis has been sought for by organizations from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

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Of course, if Carranza wants to "disavow" the act, we will be willing to write him a note in regard to the future status of affairs.

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News letter of the Ohio Republican Editorial Association, Commercial Building, Room 515, Columbus, Ohio. Claude C. Waltermire, Correspondent.

By Claude C. Waltermire

Columbus O. June 30--Emery Lattanner, the pet bank examiner of the Cox administration stands facing prosecution at the hands of the state for criminal withdrawal and diversion of money belonging to the defunct Security Savings Bank of Columbus. Lattanners conduct is brought to light this week in an examination of the Banking Department between April, 1911 and January, 1915. The report of the finding of the examiners is in the hands of Attorney-General Turner.

It has been known for some time that Lattanner's official position under the previous administration did not savor of the right kind of conduct in office. The report covers the liquidation of 22 banks in Ohio, 14 of which were closed by Lattanner. In conducting the affairs of the defunct Columbus institution, the report says that "Lattanner seems to have diverted \$300. of the funds."

According to the report, another "serious blunder" was made by Lattanner on September 15, 1914. Concerning this transaction of this former Cox official, the report says:

"On Sept. 15, 1914, on page 127 of the journal used in the liquidation of the Security Savings Bank, we find an entry showing that Mr. Lattanner set aside, as provided under Section 742-16, general code, the sum of \$5565.84 as unclaimed deposits, of which amount, the sum of \$1700 was to pay certified checks. However, on the same day, an examination of books of the Citizen's Savings and Trust Bank shows that he actually deposited in his name as unclaimed deposits the sum of \$4265.84, or the sum of \$1300 less than the journal shows to have been deposited." The examiners comment on the transaction is:

"As the law requires the money in his possession to be deposited in the depository at all times, it was a serious blunder, to say the least to withdraw the amount from the depository, taking it actually out of his custody as superintendent of banks and holding it in a private capacity."

In addition to the above, Lattanner may be held responsible for the paying out of \$47,158.87, which he calls "liquidation expenses." According to the report, these expenditures were made without any warrant of law, which requires that the expenditures be approved by the common pleas court. The examiners say further, that the records of the liquidation of the Columbus bank are in bad shape. They charge that balances were forced, in a number of instances, and that in one instance a false entry was made. It is found that the following liquidation expenditures were made without the required approval of the courts:

Bank of Freeport, \$6986.77; Bank of Plain City, \$2323.15; Citizens Bank of Beach City, \$7213.98; Columbus Savings and Trust Co., \$10,165.82; Crown City Bank, \$1776.20; Exchange Bank of Shanesville, \$2620.64; the Gambier Banking Co., \$1096.90; Metropolitan Bank and Trust Co., Cincinnati, \$4775.61; Osborn Bank, \$5047.82; and Security Savings Bank, Columbus, \$5151.98. All these were incurred under Lattanners administration.

The examiners further find that exceptionally large amounts were paid attorneys for their services in the liquidation of banks under Lattanner. The conduct of Lattanner was made a part of the campaign of the present administration, two years ago. He was charged then with the juggling of figures of defunct banks and the Cox machine defended him and called the attack upon his record, "political thunder." Under the present administration, State Bank Examiner Hall has not found it necessary to close a single banking institution in Ohio.

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Columbus O. June 30--The State Tax Commission is using every effort to increase the amount of intangible property which should be listed for taxation under the law. It is well known that much money, stocks, bonds and other intangible property is not on the tax duplicate. The law, however, does not permit of the Commission investigating into the amount of money any individual or corporation has on deposit in any bank or trust company.

In Franklin county alone, the Franklin county Board of Revision estimates that there is on deposit approximately \$75,000,000. and the tax returns show only \$4,000,000. From these figures, it is apparent that 94 per cent of intangible property is not on the duplicate.

What is true of Franklin county is true of other counties in Ohio. The Tax Commission estimates that only about one dollar in eight is returned for taxation. During the last week the Commission has sent to Boards of Revision in all counties copies of the letters being sent out by the Franklin county board, urging that where satisfactory returns are not made, complaints are to be made. In short, the present Tax Commission officials in Ohio are bending every effort to bring out all possible hidden money. It is the first Commission to inaugurate this plan.

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The predominating news feature of the week in the capital is the movement of the National Guard. In a few short days General Hough and his able assistants, with the co-operation of all members of the Guard have erected a city at Camp Willis in upper Arlington, north of the city. Here the boys will be cared for with all of the comforts known to the modern military camp. Governor Willis has taken a deep interest in the work of building the camp and in the welfare of the boys who will make it their home until ordered to the border by the government. The State of Ohio will make it its business to see that every member of the National Guard is taken care of in the best possible manner. Not only is the state administration and every officer of the Guard doing all possible to make the stay of the boys pleasant, but the people of Columbus are joining in the effort and are keeping patriotism at a high pitch.

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A report has been current heretofore this week that James M. Cox will withdraw as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor at the August Primary. Just what his excuse will be is not known, but it is hinted that he may at the proper time produce a physicians certificate to the effect that it would be better for his health if he did not make the race. In the meantime, Hon. A. "Put" Sandles is going about, campaigning in his own behalf and abusing the State Board of Agriculture, a board which he proudly claims credit for aiding to build up. There are many Democrats in Columbus and many others who come in each week who had hoped that Democracy would be able to put forth a stronger candidate than either of the above will make in November.

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"If the Democratic party in Ohio insists on bringing back that Warnes law, we are licked for years to come," said a prominent Dayton Democrat this week. This view of the situation is not confined to the Republicans; nor is it confined to the Democrats of the city of Dayton. And yet, Mr. Cox promises its return, if he is elected.

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Only a few months ago Senator Ollie James was lauding Woodrow Wilson as the greatest president since Washington. Later, apparently recognizing the statement's extravagance, he changed his estimate to the greatest since Lincoln. At St. Louis he voted for a platform which seemed anxious to slice off still more of the extravagance, and which merely claimed Wilson to be the greatest president in his generation. It is quite probable that the final estimate of Senator James after the election is over will be that Wilson is the greatest Democratic president since Cleveland.

--East Liverpool Evening Review.

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It is significant that one of the omissions in the St. Louis Democratic platform was that vote welcoming sentence of the Baltimore platform: "Our pledges are made to be kept while in office as well as to be relied upon during the campaign."

--East Liverpool Evening Review.



News letter of the Ohio Republican Editorial Association, Commercial Building, Room 515, Columbus, Ohio. Claude C. Waltermire, Correspondent.

By Claude C. Waltermire

Columbus, O. July 5--One of the marked strides toward efficiency and economy in the present administration, is to be found in the Industrial Commission. This is one of the departments which has tried to hamper the Governor through Cox appointees, but without success.

In the year closing June 30, two new free employment offices have been added to the employment department of the commission, making seven in all. There have been more than 140,000 men and women, skilled and unskilled, placed in positions of permanence. The preceding year this department placed but 62,337 people. This is only a small portion of the good work of this department. Under the present administration, the big Youngstown strike was settled satisfactorily directly through the state administration.

There will be no more "job selling" under this administration. The Industrial Commission has also taken up that matter and bulletins have been issued. The "straw boss", who exacts from \$5.00 to \$25.00 from a man will be prosecuted.

Another notable piece of efficiency and economy is to be found in the Boiler Inspection department of the Industrial Commission. This department was in a state of chaos when the Republicans came into power. During the first two years of its existence, the figures of the Democratic State Auditor, Donahey, show that the department lost \$13,000 a year, in round numbers. During the two years of the Cox administration, the affairs were in a shape as to make it impossible to give the figures of the losses. In less than a year's time, the present administration has placed the boiler department on its feet and has made it self-sustaining. The expenses were \$35,000 and the receipts \$35,477. Since the report was called for, additional receipts have ~~placed~~ been placed to the credit of the department, and it shows a balance to the good of more than \$4,000. This department is growing rapidly and although the work increases daily no more office help has been used.

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Columbus O. July 5--"I do not know at this time just how it will be done but Ohio will take care of the dependants upon those who have enlisted in the Ohio Guard," said Governor Willis, with characteristic emphasis, in speaking of the movement all over Ohio to bring about such a condition of affairs.

Urging enlistment, Governor Willis said: "I am told that the new law gives the boys who belong to the Guard, a leave of absence from the Guard while in the Federal service and that when they return they may choose their own status. There are many young men who want to enlist, but do not want to be bound to the Guard upon their return. Col. Zimmerman interprets the law to mean that they do not have to remain in the organization unless they choose to do so."

Referring to the care of those who have no other means of support than through the men who enlist, the Governor made the following statement: "I note with satisfaction and pride the organization in different parts of the state to take care of the soldier's families. There are cases where families are dependant upon those who enlist. Not all can go to the front, but those who remain at home can aid by giving of their means to care for those who need care in the absence of enlisted men.

"It is to be hoped that in every community where men enlist, the people will inquire, in their own way, into the status of these families and see that they are kept from want. This is a matter in which Chambers of Commerce and other organizations should take an active part. It should be done before the men leave their state, so that they may go away free from this care. What has been done already is commendable and will bring comfort to thousands. Let us all do our share in bearing the burden at this time.

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Emery Lattanner, whose conduct as state bank examiner is now under investigation, was a Cox appointee.

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What would the Democratic papers be saying now, if, under Governor Willis, the liquidation of defunct banks were being used to pay political debts to a host of lawyers?

They didn't say anything under the Cox administration.

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Labor is very well satisfied with the administration of the Workman's Compensation law under Governor Willis.

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"Ohio will find a way to take care of the families of the men who enlist, where such care is necessary."

---Governor Willis.

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The present administration enforces the Child Labor law, and the Eight Hour law for women.

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The Boiler Inspection department, under the Cox administration, lost money.

It has been placed upon a self-sustaining basis under the present administration.

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The Union scale has been adopted and is in operation in the Bindery department of the Department of Public Printing.

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The Portland Oregonian, the biggest Independent newspaper on the West coast, has endorsed Hughes for president.

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The Industrial Commission's free employment department has placed more than 140,000 men and women in good, steady positions during the year just closed.

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The Columbus Saturday Monitor will be The Columbus Daily Monitor next week. It will be a Republican newspaper and the only one in Columbus.

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Governor Willis promised efficiency and economy in the conduct of state affairs didn't he? Well, he has made good.

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It would be interesting to know just how much of a probe of the Ohio National Guard Mr. James M. Cox would advocate today.

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John G. Reilly, Phil. M. Streich and J.A. Salmon, leaders in the Progressive party in Southeastern Ohio, have writtem to Harry E. Taylor, editor of the Portsmouth Times, that they are in line for Hughes and that in their opinion, all other Ohio Progressives are in the "same boat."

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News letter of the Ohio Republican Editorial Association, Commercial Building, Room 515, Columbus, Ohio. Claude C. Waltermire, Correspondent

By Claude C. Waltermire

Columbus O. July 8--Highway Commissioner Clinton Cowen has advertised for bids for the construction of 108.68 miles of state ~~road~~ aid road in 31 counties of Ohio. The bids will be received July 20 and 21. The work is covered by 52 contracts and the estimated cost is \$1,249,714.00. With the opening of these bids, Commissioner Cowen will have let, so far this year, 199 contracts amounting to more than six millions of dollars, and covering the construction of 456 miles of state aid road.

There is a marked difference between the Highway department under the present state administration and that of Governor Cox. United States District Attorney, Ed. S. Wertz, with a delegation from Wayne County last September said; "There was one nice thing about Marker. It didn't make any difference with him whether he had any law or any money, he built roads, and that is what we want."

The Cox administration promised roads and contracted for them. The Willis administration has built roads. In 1914, the Cox administration contracted for 495 miles of road under a levy of .05 of a mill. Marker completed but 140 miles and repaired 324 miles.

In 1915, the Willis administration contracted for 310 miles of road under a .03 of a mill levy and completed 359 miles. Commissioner Cowen took care of Marker's contracts and repaired 905 miles of road in 1915. The difference between Marker's administration of the Highway department under Cox and the administration of Clinton Cowen under Governor Willis is that the former "promised" roads for political purposes; the latter makes no "political" promises, but builds roads.

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Columbus O. July 8--Some time ago, the present state administration made the public statement that the earnings of the canals of Ohio this year would be \$'5,000. The annual report of Frank Fauver, superintendent of the department of Public Works, shows that the earnings for the year, ending June 30, are \$92,342.29.

In this department during the ten preceding years, the receipts averaged \$134,885 and the expenditures \$388,133 a year. In other words, while canals of the state were being used as means to a political end, they were a loss of about \$250,000 a year to the state. During the next ten years, if handled as they are at present, they will bring in about a million dollars. This is only another sample of the efficiency and economy of the present state administration.

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Columbus O. July 8--Beginning Monday, July 10, the Columbus Daily Monitor will make its appearance. E. Howard Gilkey, who has been editor of The Columbus Saturday Monitor, will be the editor. Sam B. Anson, who has been city editor of The Cleveland News, will be managing editor and "Jack" Wilson, cartoonist and sporting writer will have charge of the sport page. Mr. Wilson comes from the Kansas City Post. J. E. Judd, recently the city-editor of The Chillicothe Tribune, will be city editor. Miss Edwina Dumm, whose breezy and homey cartoons have made the Monitor many friends, will be on the staff and Miss Grace Coleman of the Journalistic department of Ohio State University will be in charge of the Society. The remainder of the force has been chosen from newspaper workers of ability, capable of giving the people of Ohio a live, Republican newspaper. The Monitor will carry the foreign and domestic report of the International News Service. Republicans are reminded of the fact that the Columbus Daily Monitor will be the only Republican newspaper published in the Capital city.

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When Lattanner was bank examiner, he sent a Marion saloon keeper to "liquidate" the bank of Freeport. No, he hadn't had any previous experience, and a regular examiner did the work while the Marion man drew the pay as reward for political activity. Yes, Cox introduced him to Lattanner.

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Columbus O. July 8--Almost pitiful are the attempts of former Governor James M. Cox to lead the people of Ohio to believe that they wronged him when they refused to place the stamp of approval upon his autocratic rule. His latest move was to wail loud and long that the Willis administration was attempting to do something terrible to the Workmen's Compensation law. He made his charge, only to have it come to naught by a decision of the Supreme Court. The fact of the matter is that Governor Willis is strongly in favor of the Workmen's Compensation and favors any legislation which will strengthen its working.

In answer to the Cox charge, Governor Willis referred to the fact that on the membership of the Ohio Supreme Court, which gave a part interpretation of the law, are four Democrats, two Republicans and one Independent. The Chief Justice, he says, was named by Former Governor Cox himself.

"It may also be noted," he says, "that former Governor Harmon was one of the able counsel appearing in this case."

Governor Willis raises the question of whether the former Governor means to "repudiate all these eminent jurists." he continues:

"The Republican party and the present Republican administration are strongly in favor of the workmen's compensation law; Republicans are definitely pledged to its maintenance and will support only such amendments to the law as will strengthen it and increase the benefits enjoyed under it by workingmen and their families. If there is any "plot" against the law it is not a Republican plot.

"In the campaign of 1914, it was charged by Governor Cox and his friends that if the Republicans came into power the workmen's compensation law would be destroyed. This has not occurred; on the contrary the workmen of Ohio are enjoying larger benefits under the law than ever before; 50 per cent more claims have been allowed in the last six months than in any similar period since the law was enacted. Republicans have administered and interpreted the law as they found it, and their interpretation has been sustained by the Supreme Court.

"The claim that the law is about to be destroyed was made in 1914 for political effect. The claim was as empty then as it is false and foundationless now."

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#### THE OHIO STATE JOURNAL FOR WILSON

Mr. Lewis Leibold, Washington correspondent of the New York World, which is known as the personal organ of the President, spent a day in Columbus late in May.

He said he was visiting the larger cities to "line up independent and republican newspapers for Wilson," and that the, allegedly, Republican Columbus Ohio State Journal would be for Wilson after the St. Louis convention nominated him.

Recent issues of the State Journal give conclusive evidence that the agreement Mr. Leibold announced is being fulfilled.

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#### SANDLES SCINTILLATED ON COX AS FOLLOWS

Harmon, 1910, had a clear majority of 30,000. Cox, 1912, had 156,000 less than his opponents.

When Mr. Cox became Governor, Ohio was as safely and contentedly Democratic as Texas.

In two years his 1912 plurality of 167,000 was changed to a defeat of 30,000.

When Mr. Cox went in, Ohio had nineteen Congressmen. When he came out, we had only nine.

In 1912, Mr. Cox carried sixty-nine counties. Lost nineteen. In 1916 he carried twenty and lost sixty-eight counties. 282.

Does Mr. Cox's vote record indicate a help or handicap to President Wilson, in 1916, in Ohio?



News Letter of the Ohio Republican Editorial Association, Commercial Building, Room 515, Columbus, Ohio. Claude C. Waltermire, Correspondent.

By Claude C. Waltermire

Columbus O. July 13--The compensation department of the Industrial Commission furnishes some interesting figures which show the growing strength of Workmen's Compensation under the present state administration. The increase in premium receipts for the first six months of 1916 as compared with 1915 is \$953,642.07 The balance, June 30 of this year, was \$3,798,079.14, making an increase in the balance for the year of \$1,160,624.32.

The report of auditor Putnam submitted to the commission this week shows that in not a single instance was the disbursement of claims delayed more than five days after the disbursement had been ordered by the Commission. The net addition to pay rolls during the month of June this year amounts to \$1,958,529.60 These figures are doubly significant to those interested in Workmen's Compensation in face of the fact that former Governor James M. Cox is charging, falsely, that the present administration is attempting to cripple the law.

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Columbus O. July 13-- Arrangements are being made by special committees for the big Republican reunion in Columbus sometime between the 8th. and 21st. of August. Charles Evans Hughes, Republican candidate for President; Charles Warren Fairbanks, Republican candidate for Vice-President; John Hays Hammond, head of the National League of Republican Clubs; United States Senator, Warren G. Harding; Governor Frank B. Willis, and other candidates on the state ticket chosen at the August Primaries, will be the speakers. It is to be the biggest Republican gathering ever held in Ohio. It is possible that Col. Roosevelt will also be one of the speakers.

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Columbus O. July 13-- The Department of Public Printing, under the present state administration, shows a balance ~~xx~~ in the treasury, June 30, of \$39,356.87, the best showing the department has ever made in its history; in as much as in the expenditures of the office, \$17,000 was for new machinery, which has made the state bindery one of the most complete in the United States. In addition to this, the bindery has been completely unionized under the present administration.

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About as near as the Democratic press bureaus have come to telling the truth about the present state administration is that they have omitted to tell any of the truth.

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Without much noise about it, but by keeping constantly on the job and doing the work of the department as it should be done, the Attorney General's office under General Turner has saved the taxpayers of Ohio \$85,000 this year over the last year of the previous administration, and with a large increase in the work besides.

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Let's see, wasn't it under the Cox administration that the amendments to the Workmen's Compensation law which caused the trouble, were passed? Look it up, Mr. Voter.

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Every labor law on the statute books is being enforced by the present state administration.

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When will the Republican newspapers of Ohio learn that The Ohio State Journal is not a Republican paper; that it is supporting Woodrow Wilson for President and James M. Cox for Governor?

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#### SOMETHING TO CROW ABOUT !

Covering the fiscal year ending June 30, 1916, figures given out by Bert B. Buckley, State Fire Marshal, in advance of the annual report for such fiscal year, show that the number of fires investigated was 512; number of arrests made by the department 101; number of convictions 86; which makes the year one of the high water marks in the history of the department. In the division of building inspections, there were made 10,541 inspections as against 9600 for the calendar year of 1915.

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The Columbus Daily Monitor is here. It arrived last Monday and took its place at the head of the list in the capital.

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"Go to it," reads a card, gotten out in the capital this week. Where?--Why, the Ohio State Fair. It's going to be a dandy.

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Put Sandles is saying the same things about Cox that were proven against him in the campaign two years ago when the verdict was brought in by the people.

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Put Sandles says:

James M. Cox wants to be Governor. He asks a third nomination. After trial he was defeated by 90,000. Measured by the Willis-Garfield vote, he carried ~~xxxxx~~ only fourteen counties, seven by less than 500. He lost twenty Democratic counties. Mr. Cox still favors appointing county and township assessors--from Columbus.

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News letter of the Ohio Republican Editorial Association, Commercial Building, Room 515, Columbus, Ohio. Claude C. Waltermire, Correspondent

By Claude C. Waltermire

Columbus O. July 17--George F. Burba, former private secretary to ex-governor Cox and now employed by the latter as a fault-finding newspaper writer for Cox's Dayton paper, had a severe attack of mental cholera morbus Tuesday over the location of Camp Willis. As with most everything else with which Ohio Republican officials have had anything to do, including the recent national convention at Chicago, Burba is much displeased over the militia camp. His story in the Dayton News openly charged graft on the part of somebody in selecting the camp at Columbus, or that "Columbus merchants got in early with a tremendous pull"

The interesting part about this article of Burba's is his forgetfulness. Camp Willis was selected three years ago, when James M. Cox was Governor of Ohio, by two regular army officers sent here by the war department for that express purpose. The two officers, with Cox's adjutant general, went over the ground carefully, and with the approval of Wood---and therefore with the approval of Cox, for he never permitted subordinates to approve anything that he didn't---selected the ground occupied now. The order for mobilization sent to Governor Willis was based on orders arranged under the Cox regime. If there was any "graft" or any "pull", therefore, it must have been under the Cox administration. Burba has been so bereft of things to hit at lately, and so needful of ammunition, that he simply went off "without a ballast" on this story. Newspaper men in Columbus give him the "ha, ha" proper.

Moreover, if further justification is needed, it might be pointed out that the "sick call" at Camp Willis has all along been the smallest of any state mobilization camp, and that it is one of the most accessible from all parts of the state. The expenses of the camp will be paid by the federal government.

The fact that Associated Press dispatches carried a story Friday evening to the effect that the Government would send 5,600 troops from Michigan and other states to camp Willis because of its "easy access", further proves that Mr. Burba had a "green apple" digestion when he found fault.

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Ralph D. Cole is prominently mentioned as head of the National Speakers Bureau in the coming campaign.

by "Straw bosses" and "loan sharks" have been chased to cover ~~and~~ this administration.



Columbus O. July 17--When General J.S. Kimbrough, a veteran of the Civil War, was named by Governor Willis as the head of the Soldier's and Sailor's Orphans Home at Xenia, the Coxized press of the state sent broadcast the statement that the Ex-pupils Association was not in harmony with the appointment, because it was for "political purposes." The falsity of the report was proven when five hundred members of the association, at the annual reunion, passed a resolution commending the Governor on the appointment of General Kimbrough, and further expressed the hope that in the future none but a man connected with the soldier citizenry of the state should be named to the place.

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Columbus O. July 17--Victor A. Donahey, the "watch dog" of the state treasury, <sup>will</sup> please take notice that it is remembered that in one of his lengthy statements for political effect, he said that under the present state administration there was no "check" kept on expenditures. A few items gleaned from the reports from state departments for the year ending June 30, 1916, bring the following savings to light:

Attorney-General's office turns back \$24,055.61 of the money appropriated by the legislature for its operating expenses; the State Board of Health turns back \$15,902.29; the Public Utilities Commission has a balance of \$17,074.83 from the amount appropriated; and the Department of Public Instruction turns back for the year \$73,123.55.

Budget-Commissioner E.M. Fullington said: "These are a few items only..When they are all in, it will be shown that every department of the state's government has been economical."

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Columbus O. July 17--Former Governor Cox, believing that he will be nominated over A. P. Sandles, has fixed his slate. He was defeated for "machine building," but the adage about the "old dog" and the "new tricks" holds good.

The Cox hand-picked slate includes Earl Bloom for lieutenant-governor and not Hopple; Scott Stahl for attorney-general and not McGee; Snyder for secretary of state and not Newman. An effort was made not to let the "cat out of the bag," but she got out.

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In reference to those who oppose his machinery, the words "barn rats" seem to be a choice with Mr. Cox. His chief editorial writer thinks the Republicans who went to the Chicago convention from Ohio were "dubs. What are these boys doing--seeking Republican support ?



News letter of the Ohio Republican Editorial Association, Commercial Building, Room 515, Columbus, Ohio. Claude C. Waltermire, Correspondent.

By Claude C. Waltermire

Columbus O, July 20--The sly and foxy Bill Finley is up to one of his oldtricks again, according to a report which went out from Columbus to the Sunday papers. It is asserted that the Cox-Finley crowd, who never did like Senator Pomerene, and who have patched up a truce with him only "for and during the campaign", are about to dump him if they can get Secretary of War Baker to induce Woodrow to be good and help in the little game. It is asserted that Pomerene is to be appointed to the vacancy on the federal bench, caused by the elevation of John H. Clarke of Cleveland to the supreme court. But it is also said that this is not to be done until after the August primaries. It is pretty generally conceded that Pomerene has enough votes to <sup>be</sup> nominated, though there is scarcely a possibility that he could be elected. The Finley crowd wants to dump him right after the primaries, and that will give "the committee" an opportunity to fill the vacancy. Everybody knows who "the committee" is under the present ring of democracy in Ohio--it's just plain Bill Finley--and Finley is Cox. Instead of having Pomerene appointed now so that the people could vote at the primary, and nominate their own candidate, it is said to be the purpose to wait for the vacancy, and then they can put their own hand-picked candidate on the ticket. And it will not be John J., and neither will it be good old Judson H., no siree. That chaff is handed out to bait the birds. It will be a simon-pure Finley-Cox Democrat. The whole thing seems so like Finley that it carries with it considerable semblance of truth. This working underground like a mole, and trying to put something spurious across, without giving the people a chance to have a hand in it, is so like the "by and with the consent of the Governor" stuff which we had for a couple of years, that it makes the story seem so natural-like that it must be true. At any rate we will await developments with much curiosity.

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Columbus, O. July 20--State Auditor Donahey is talking again. This time he wants a law passed which will provide that office holders can be sued. If Victor's memory were serving him in good stead, he would remember that during the Cox administration there was a bill introduced providing for just that very thing. It provided, also, that service could be had on the state in case of suit and provided the means of such service, the constitution providing that the state can be sued. Donahey was in office when the bill was passed by both houses. Mr. Cox vetoed the measure on some pretext or another, and Mr. Donahey, the official fault-finder of Ohio did not see fit to urge him not to do so.

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Columbus, O. July 20--The Cox-Finley forces are at it again in Southern Ohio, and this week comes word that the old Cox machine is making desperate attempts to organize the wet forces of Hamilton county as it two years ago, for the advancement of the candidacy of Mr. Cox for Governor. It is reported that the Cox forces are playing for the state vote on the proposition that it is all right for the Hamilton county wets to support the Republican National ticket, if the voter happens to be a Republican. This, upon the face of things, looks as though the Coxites in the Southern part of the state are willing to sell out President Wilson through the wets in order to get votes for Cox. It will be remembered that Cox, in answer to a number of questions propounded to him by a Columbus newspaper, admitted that, in his opinion, he would be re-elected if it were not ~~for~~ a presidential year; thus admitting that he feels Wilson is a detriment to his chances.

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Governor Willis is against Ohio troops being sent to Mexico or to Texas, unless they are fully equipped, and he wants them transported like men and not like cattle.

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"A hundred thousand a day," at the state fair is the slogan of the State Board of Agriculture.

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The Democrats admit that Hon. S. A. Hoskins can "swallow" Jimmie Cox if he has to, but that he cannot make up his mind to include the two Bills--Durbin and Finley, of Kenton.

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Columbus, O. July 20--According to newspaper stories coming from Jackson county, Mr. James M. Cox did not meet with much cordiality when he made a speech there last Friday night before a fair sized crowd. He attempted to distort the facts in regard to the Workmen's Compensation law. The people of Jackson county are vitally interested in that law and they know the real facts. The Jackson Sun, in reporting the meeting said: "Mr. Cox made a fair speech, but his listeners did not 'warm up' very good, owing to the antagonism towards him even in the Democratic ranks of the county."

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"Camp Willis is the best camp in the United States and so recognized by the Government."

--Holland Webster, Prosecuting Atty. of Lucas Co. and Cap 'T. of Co. H. of the Sixth.

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Will some ambitious democratic candidate point out wherein the taxing machinery has been a failure in the hands of the people, instead of in the hands of an autocratic machine?

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Mr. Cox, presuming that he will be returned a winner over Mr. Sandles is now trying to dictate who shall be named for the places on the remainder of the ticket.

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Governor Willis finds time each day to assist in arrangements for the comfort of the sick at Camp Willis.

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President Wilson is being urged by all congressmen and the two senators, from Ohio, to speak Wednesday of the State Fair week; and Judge Hughes is being urged to accept an invitation for Thursday.

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Every department of the state government which has filed its annual report shows a saving in expenses and efficiency and economy in operation.



News letter of the Ohio Republican Editorial Association, Commercial Building, Room 515, Columbus, O. Claude C. Waltermire, Correspondent.

By Claude C. Waltermire

Columbus O., July 24--Answering the charges that Mail Order houses will show at the Ohio State Fair this year, the Agricultural Commission, through G.S. Stauffer, secretary, authorizes the following statement:

A handbill has been circulated by A.P. Sandles, who for years was identified with the Agricultural Department of Ohio, headed, "Sears-Roebuck at State Fair, Merchants gets Black Eye."

This handbill was promulgated for but one purpose and that was to plunge the Agricultural Department into politics, as it always had been when under the supervision and control of the person who issued the circular; for he was always in politics, or at least he was a standing candidate, sometimes for Clerk of the Court, Secretary of the Agricultural Board, Secretary of State, Governor, Member of the Agricultural Commission, again a candidate for Governor, and now a candidate for the position of Rural Credit Commissioner.

A major portion of the handbill is beneath the dignity of persons who are entitled to a place in state affairs. The author of the handbill can well afford to pay \$25,000 for the privilege of exhibiting at the State Fair. "No one is better qualified to know what a mail order house can pay than the author of the statement, as he granted space to The Larkin Company of Buffalo, New York, a mail order house, giving them 550 square feet in the West Central Building at the Ohio State Fair in the years 1912, 1913 and 1914, and the Kalamazoo Stove Co. of Michigan 400 feet in the same building. It is for him to say what he got. The records show he turned \$33.50 per year into the State Treasury for the former and \$40. for the latter.

The author of the circular also says, "In the past, all such exhibits have been refused," when as a matter of fact, the records show that mail order houses had exhibited at the State Fair under his supervision. The Sears-Roebuck Co. make affidavit that they have never applied for space prior to this year. Will he tell us what mail order houses applied for space which he claims were refused?

Practically every paragraph of the circular is intended to direct the people's attention toward the Governor of the State of Ohio. The object in that is political, or perhaps he is thinking of the time when he was at the head of the Agricultural Department, at which time every move and act was controlled for political purposes. Such condition, however, does not exist today.

The Agricultural Department of Ohio is under the control of the members who are practical farmers or business men and whose interests are identical with the agricultural interests of the state of Ohio. The Board of Agriculture is not controlled for the purpose of fostering and building up a political machine at the expense of the agriculturalists of Ohio.

No mail order houses will exhibit at the Ohio State Fair in 1916!



Columbus, O. July 24--A.P. Sandles, former secretary of the State Board of Agriculture, and candidate against James M. Cox for the Democratic nomination for governor, is making things warm for the former Governor and William L. Finley in a series of statements which he made public late Friday. His latest statement proves conclusively the charges made by the present administration regarding the handling of the affairs of the Banking Department under Emery Lattanner, and his "Bee Hive" letter is interesting.

Mr Sandles charges as follows:

"Willis hints that Cox used State Bank Department under Lattanner, to give fat fees to Democratic lawyers.

"Under Cox and Lattanner, fifty lawyers got \$50,000.00

"In one bank closing fifteen lawyers got \$6,154.18

"In another bank closing, six lawyers got \$10,570.23

"Wash-women, hired girls, widows and the dear people seldom get a glimpse of the inside workings of a political machine.

"Closing a bank was like tapping a honey hive.

"State inspectors report on Lattanner is interesting, It will help make political history. Missing records and letters may yet turn up.

Judson Harmon never tried to dictate Republican nominations.

In his "Honey Hive" statement, Mr. Sandles admits that it has not been necessary to close any banks under the present state administration. His statement, in brief, discloses what is a matter of record, except that there are certain portions of the records which Mr. Sandles has omitted. He ought to know the whole story of the last administration. He was a part of it.

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Another bit of interesting information which Mr. Sandles brings to the attention of the public and especially to the Democratic voters of Ohio shows that Cox lost 21 Democratic counties in the last election which were previously carried by Judson Harmon. The total weakness of Cox in these counties was 51,018.

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In the thirteen counties Cox did carry, his weakness in comparison with that of the Harmon vote, was 13,828. Sandles knows that the Cox-Finley machine is against him in every county. The Democratic press is closed to him wherever these politicians hold sway.

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The vigorous campaign of Mr. Sandles for the Democratic nomination brings to mind the reports which were circulated after the state fair in 1912. Sandles was nominally head of the fair, but Cox dictated "who should bee who," much to the disgust of Sandles. The reason a row was not in evidence at that time, Sandles friends say, was because "Put" was a good soldier and did not want to cause trouble in the administration of which he was a part.

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While the state of Ohio is not responsible for the non-payment of the members of the National Guard, Governor Willis is personally urging the quick payment of all the salaries due the Ohio guardsmen.

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Republicanism in 1916 means a rejuvenation and re-establishment of business along substantial lines. It means a prosperity of our own not dependent upon the misfortunes of other nations. And because it means these things it will triumph.---Monroe County Republican.

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In way on an answer to the criticism of Democratic newspapers of the appointment of by Governor Willis of General J.S. Kimbrough as head of the Soldiers and Sailors' Orphans Home, at Xenia, the United Spanish War Veterans of Ohio have written to General Kimbrough, assuring him that they heartily approve of his appointment.

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News letter of The Ohio Republican Editorial Association; Commercial Building, Room 515, Columbus, Ohio. Claude C. Waltermire, Correspondent

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Columbus, O. July 29--The renting of commissions and the renting of buildings to accommodate them, during the Cox administration, was carried on to such an extent that it aroused the voters of the state and had much to do with the defeat of the Democratic state ticket in 1914. When Governor Willis was elected he at once put a stop to the creating of commissions. Not a single one was added by the present Republican legislature. He next proceeded to bring some of the commissions out of the sky-scrapers where they were paying high rent installed them in the state house, where the state pays no rent.

The Cox administration had favored political favorites in the renting of rooms, and in some instances had tied up the state by long time contracts. The rents had soared skyward until it was necessary to appropriate \$114,000 annually to pay the state rent bill to the political favorites of the Cox administration.

The state legislature, on recommendation of Governor Willis, enacted a law authorizing the purchase or erection of a building to take care of all departments occupying rented quarters. Last week the Wyandot office building near the state house was purchased by the state with the approval of Governor Willis, for \$225,000. This is a splendid fire-proof structure which could not be duplicated for less than \$350,000. It is amply adequate for every need of the state.

By this purchase, the governor has taken the money that was going out of the state treasury at the rate of \$114,000 a year, and with it has bought a building and stopped for all time this big leak. This master stroke of business judgement and economy is so obvious that even the opponents of the present administration are compelled to acknowledge it. Pretty good deal for the state to stop that leak for all time with the money that had been appropriated for two years rent.

Incidentally, all persons who have business to transact with the state will find it more convenient to locate an office in a state building near the capitol, than to race over the city of Columbus to find one or more state offices under roofs of politicians who have "Houses for rent."

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Mattress manufacturers in other states are writing the Work-shop and Factories department asking what they must keep out of their mattresses in order to do business in Ohio. The present state administration says you must get what you pay for and that the law must be enforced.

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Each Republican voter expects to do his part toward Republican success when the election comes on. Possibly he may not have thought about it, but he can contribute very materially to success in the election by what he does in the coming state primary.

Let us see what will be the effect on the election if Governor Willis receives a much greater vote in the primary than does ex-Governor Cox.

It is known thruout the country that Ohio is one of the states that the Democrats are going to try to carry for President Wilson. If Governor Willis, for example, has a much larger vote in the Republican primary, than does ex-Governor Cox in the Democratic primary, it will be justly regarded as a decided indication favorable to Republican success in Ohio. It will be so referred to by the press of the country in its analysis of the Ohio primary election. Republican speakers can and will utilize this helpful fact on the stump in Maine, and the Maine September election is the most important political event between now and the November election.

Patriotism, principle, party devotion, logic, are not the only motives affecting party welfare. There are many who are influenced in their political actions by a strong impulse to cast their lot with the largest number. It is human nature to prefer to ride in a band wagon rather than in a hearse. To those who are apt to be influenced by size, numbers and dimensions, the most effective appeal that can be made will be the casting of a larger vote for Willis than Cox receives in the coming primary.

According to Emerson, there is a strength of a mass as well as the strength of a hero. This is as true in Politics as in Philosophy. Let the Republicans of Ohio mobilize for election day. Let them come out en masse. Let the Republican vote for Governor Willis, the head of the Republican state ticket, exceed the vote of ex-Governor Cox, who will be the head of the Democratic state ticket, by from 100,000 to 200,000, and the Republican case will be encouraged and advanced thruout the country and a good foundation laid for 100,000 or more majority in Ohio this fall.

The individual Republican, with only his one, lone vote, does this great party service by surely going to the polls on the day of the Primary election and voting for the best interests of his party.

The mobilized vote of the individual party members will appear in the election returns as the impressive massed vote of a militant and triumphant party.

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While it is true McKinley, Sherman, Foraker and Hanna are gone, Ohio is growing a new crop of statesmen to take their places. No one stands higher in the party than Senator Burton. Harding has a great future ahead of him. Willis is already a national favorite. As a popular orator, he is unexcelled. The Republicans of Ohio should stand behind its big men and it will soon be filling its place in the sun again.

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Governor Willis has made good. The public understands the difficulties he has had to surmount in overthrowing the Cox Tammany. He has earned and he will receive a renewed expression of confidence and good will on the part of the people.

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Many people are wondering if James M. Cox is still in favor of mustering out the Ohio National Guard.

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More than twice as much are the receipts of the Workmen's Compensation department of the Industrial Commission than in July of last year. The Democrats say the department is being wrecked.

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News letter of The Ohio Republican Editorial Association-Room  
515 Commercial Building, Columbus Ohio. C.C. Waltermire, Correspondent

By Claude C. Waltermire

Columbus O. Aug. 5 With all of its characteristic tendencies toward misrepresentation, the Cox machine is now attempting to deter the present administration from keeping its pledge to further cut down the expense of conducting state government, by the occupancy of the new state building; notwithstanding that in three years it will be paid for, instead of the exorbitant rents as under the policy of Governor Cox.

Now comes the rumor that an injunction against the purchase is to be filed by a prominent Democratic politician. The contention is that the legislature had no right to buy a building. The fact is the Cox machine has been under the impression for several years that any sort of legislation which would save a dollar to the tax payer is unconstitutional.

Another rumor is afloat and it comes from good Democratic authority that those who hold offices in the Wyandotte building under lease, are being urged to "hold on" until after the election. The reason for this sort of a move does not need explanation to the people of Ohio, the present administration contends.

The Public Utilities Commission, the State Fire Marshall, the State Fish and Game Commission and the Insurance Departments will move into the new building September first or thereabout. Other commissions will move as soon as the leases contracted for by the Cox administration, expire.

Realestate men in Columbus not only commend the purchase as a business proposition, but call attention to the fact that here is a skyscraper in the heart of the city where 80 percent of the space will be available by January 1, 1917. There is not another building in Columbus suitable for offices of the state which could have been gotten possession of in such a short time.

It is announced that the program of efficiency and economy will proceed, despite threats to enjoin or to handicap the administration in any other way. There are those who are getting exorbitant rents by reason of a deal with the former administration, who would like to see an injunction brought; in order that they could still collect these high rents.



Every Republican voter in the state who appreciates economy and efficiency in the public service, should make a special effort to go to the polls Tuesday and vote for Governor Willis and all of the other Republican state officers. There is apt to be a feeling that a popular candidate "will have enough votes anyway." But public-servants who are rendering faithful service need encouragement. It counts for good government. Republicans, get out to the polls and register a vote of approval of the administration and its efforts to serve you faithfully and well.

The voters know they don't want Cox to govern them.

Wilson has cost the United States the respect of the world.

If Cox comes back will Bank Examiner Lottman come back, too?

Washington and Hughes did not seek the presidency; all other presidents pursued it.

Will Mr. Cox again campaign with Mr. Biglow as he did when first a candidate?

One comforting thought: The next occupant of the White House will not be a minority president.

At Camp Willis the impression is growing that the administration at Washington doesn't know its own mind, if it has any.

President Wilson's official biographer, Mr. Hale, quotes him saying he simply can't understand the passion that goes into the struggle for office.

Shoestrings for the National Guard arrived at Camp Willis last Thursday and the making of the shoes to go with them was contracted for at the same time.

The national guardsmen on the frontier will not be allowed to vote this fall if the Democratic National Committee can prevent it.

The most distressing feature of the graft in state office under the Cox administration is the universality of it, as shown by sworn testimony of Democrats before the investigating committees.

The Plain City bank was in the hands of the Banking Department for two weeks, which cost the depositors \$2,269 of which Democratic State Committeeman J.W. Smith, who lives at Ottawa, a hundred miles away, got \$981.

The report of the Board of Administration of public institutions shows a saving of \$108,150.00 in the year Willis's appointees have been in control, compared with the previous year—although President Wilson has not yet reduced the h.c.l.

What war did President Wilson keep us out of? What country threatened us? What nation now would refuse to yield to any proper demand of the United States had it not learned that we were "too proud to fight."

To correct the errors of the first, in law making, nor to call a third session to cut down extravagant appropriations which would have been dangerous to his ambition for reelection.

Legislation to provide both dreadnaughts and battle cruisers is poisoned by the thought that the keels are not yet laid for the two dreadnaughts for which appropriation was made two years ago, by the Democratic congress which came in with Wilson and by the thought that Mr. Josephus Daniels may control them when built.

There is only one candidate for the nomination for Governor on the Republican ticket next Tuesday in good standing with the Republican party of Ohio or of his own community. That candidate is Frank B. Willis present and next governor of Ohio.



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By Claude C. Waltermire.

Columbus, O. Aug. 23--To the thinking voter, no matter what his political affiliations, the result of the primary election bears significance to the coming election. That the Republicans of Ohio are awake to the fact that the industrial welfare of the country is in danger, is shown by the vote given to Hon. Myron T. Herrick for United States Senator, the people believing that his experience as ambassador to France gave him especial fitness to render valuable service when the time for readjustment comes. That the Democrats who did go to the polls are not in accord with the program now being carried out at Washington is evidenced by the vote given John J. Lentz, who opposed Senator Atlee Pomerene. The Pomerene vote was 101,806 and the vote for Lentz was 59,077. Pomerene is one of the Senators in whom President Wilson is especially interested.

Another significant fact is that the Republicans of Ohio are in thorough accord with the honest, efficient and economic administration of Governor Willis, and that the Democrats care very little about who is the nominee for governor on their ticket. The official vote shows Governor Willis polled 106,462 more votes than James M. Cox. It shows that the total opposition vote to Governor Willis to be but 40,513, while the total opposition vote to Cox was 52,790. Governor Willis carried every county. Former-governor Cox lost several counties to A.P. Sandles. The opposition vote to Governor Willis, whose party cast nearly twice as many votes for him as the Democratic party did for Cox, shows but 18 percent. The opposition to Cox was 28 per cent.

There is still another fact to be considered in the vote. That is the character of the opposition to Governor Willis. He had every disappointed office seeker's influence against him. The two men who ran against him were disappointed "seekers." Rudolph Mack wanted to be on the Board of Pardons. He was not appointed, and immediately he saw wrong in the administration which he had previously upheld. His support was from the Democratic camp, which influence is now urging him to be a candidate on an independent ticket this fall. Mack cannot hide behind the skirts of the Anti-Saloon league in his canvass if he does decide to be an "independent."

The candidacy of Mr. Shaw was based on the same grievance. His brother was not reappointed to an office in Cleveland and Shaw merely kept his threat to be a candidate if the Governor did not reappoint his brother. The scattering vote of these two men shows conclusively that the people will not harbor the cause of a "grouch." The vote of Mack and Shaw shows only the disgruntled who were lead away from the real issues.

The opposition to Cox was not caused by any patronage differences. It was the honest opposition of an outraged Democracy, which does not believe in Cox-Finley-Bob Wolfe rule in Ohio.

In short, the vote shows that the people of Ohio are fully cognizant of the fact that in Governor Willis they have a capable official whose every act is for their benefit, as against James M. Cox, who, minus the veneer, is the self same Cox who builded a political machine upon laws which provided for the conducting of state affairs by and with the consent of himself.

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Of all the weaknesses the Democratic press bureau has charged against Governor Willis, he has been proven guilty of but one; he enjoys comic pictures.

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Will Mr. Cox have his political machine re-enacted?

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Governor Willis had over 200,000 more votes than the combined votes of the disappointed office seekers who opposed him in the primary.

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Would Mr. Cox, if again Governor, return his personal friends to their former positions at the salaries they drew, or would he allow to stand the many heavy reductions made by Willis?

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A short time ago at Detroit, President Wilson declared that he did not permit any form of intervention in Mexico.

But he intervened by capturing Vera Cruz, the seaport of its capital,--and the navy came back bringing us our dead.

He intervened with the army now in Mexico-- and Carranza sent us back our dead.

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Myron T. Herrick polled 55,000 more votes than Senator Atlee Pomerene, with two excellent Republicans as his opponents.

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Cox did not have a hundred thousand more than his two opponents.

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At Fargo N.Dak., Mr. Hughes said:

"Weakness breeds insults and insults breed war. I stand for the protection of American rights. Firm insistence on American rights, backed by reasonable preparedness, means peace and security."

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Cox criticizes some of the present administration's appointments. Compare any one of them with Emory Lattanner, who was at the head of the Banking Department under Cox.

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The present state administration put the canals of Ohio on a paying basis. As usual, V i c Donahey claims it as Democratic efficiency, starting away back some time, but failing to materialize until now.

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Labor wants to know about that dinner pail after the manufacture of munitions ceases to play the important part.

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State Fair officials were chosen this year according to their efficiency and not because of their political influence.

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Rudolph A. Mack has not yet made known who is backing him to financially carry on his "grouch" against the state administration which failed to consider him for a member of the Board of Pardons.

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"America First and America Efficient."

---Charles E. Hughes.

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Democracy's main issue thus far in the Ohio campaign seems to be that several members of the Republican committee have been successful in business.

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0 Columbus, Aug. 26. (Special to ) Carrying  
out the plan of the administration of Governor Willis to effect  
efficiency and economy in all departments, the State Civil Service  
Commission and State Industrial Commission have heard the report  
of the firm of Ernst & Ernst, Cleveland accountants, who, after  
a survey of the Industrial Commission, which was established by  
Governor Cox, recommend an annual saving of \$39,000. This will  
be accomplished by various economies and consolidation of certain  
branches of work which were created by the preceding administra-  
tion in order to make places for friends of Cox, many of whom  
are still on the state payroll, due to the blanket Civil Service  
program of the former governor. Additional surveys are in progress,  
all under direction of Governor Willis.



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Columbus, Ohio, Sept. 2-- The Cox organization has conspired to rob the present state administration of credit for saving rents now spent for housing state departments in many buildings through the purchase of a building with money secured as interest on state funds. Auditor Donahy illegally refused to issue a warrant for the payment for the building to give the conspirators time.

Mr. W. E. Baker, deputy Auditor of State, was served with a notice in writing by Mr. Hogan at about 3 o'clock Wednesday, August 30th, stating that application would be made to the Common Pleas Court of Franklin County at nine o'clock Thursday morning for an injunction to restrain the Auditor from issuing a warrant in payment of the Wyandotte Building. Mr. Baker did not inform the Attorney General or anyone in his department of the receipt of this notice either Wednesday afternoon, evening or Thursday morning, and the first information the Attorney General had of the filing of the suit was when a newspaper reporter called in and told him that an injunction had been granted by Judge Rathmell restraining the Auditor from drawing a warrant in payment by the state for the Wyandotte Building, into which state departments are ready to move on Friday to make a saving of \$70,000 a year in rents, on the ground that the act creating the Board of Public Buildings was unconstitutional. (Judge Rathmell granted a temporary injunction without the Attorney General being advised of the application.) Immediately upon receiving notice the Attorney General appeared before Judge Rathmell and requested an immediate hearing. This was opposed by Messrs. Hogan and Shauk, but the time for the hearing was finally set for Saturday morning at nine o'clock. The Attorney General also requested that the \$2000 bond for the injunction be increased. This the court refused to do stating he would hear the same on Saturday morning at the same hearing on the motion to dissolve.

The only reason assigned at the Auditor of State's office for failing to draw the warrant in payment of the Wyandotte Building was that given by Mr. Hyneman, a clerk in the Auditor's employ, to the effect that Mr. Donahy had left the city and stated that he did not want the warrant issued in his absence. (Cox seems to think any practice of economy should be unconstitutional.)

#### More High Handed Methods

(Editorial)

Another chapter has been written in the state's effort to save rent by the purchase of a building in which to house the various commissions which have been occupying quarters outside of the state house. Just as the purchasing committee was about to pay the purchase price for the Wyandotte building recently contracted for, some enterprising citizens secured an injunction, holding up the consummation of the deal. As the ordinary citizen would not have to contribute anything to the purchase price, it is apparent that the action of the enterprising citizen in hiring highpriced lawyers to prevent the expenditure of this money must be one of pure patriotism. The last act of the dying Cox administration, on the very last day it was in power, was to enter into a contract, for two years, with a democratic politician for the use of room in his building for the Industrial commission, agreeing to pay for the space Twenty thousand dollars a year, when better quarters could have been secured for less than half the money, thus compelling the incoming administration to carry out the contract. When the Willis administration began to occupy the vacant space in the state house, and to secure other cheaper and better quarters for some of the other commissions, it was met with the satirical outbursts of the old Cox crowd, and the new quarters were denominated "rockerries", and the like; and the administration has been thwarted at every step in its efforts to save money for the state. Now the old guard are dancing with glee in the hope that the injunction proceeding will stay the purchase and keep the state out of the use of the newly purchased building until after the election, so that they may accuse the present administration with a failure to carry out its promise of saving the people's money by moving the state institutions into its own building. But from the beginning the present administration has cut down the rent roll enormously by cancelling such contracts as were not hidebound under the action of the preceding administration, and by moving some of the commissions into the vacant spaces in the state house. It is understood that there will be no change of the plans to occupy the Wyandotte building because of the action brought to prevent the completion of the sale. Those who were to have moved in will do so, and even if there should be merit in the injunction proceeding, the state will occupy the building at a considerable saving of rent. With all the handicaps which it has been compelled to meet the present administration is now housing its officials in better quarters than before, and at a



much less rental. It is said that the old guard are very anxious to prevent a saving of rent in so far as possible for the reason that they are preparing a "Blue Book" as a campaign document in which they hope to show that the present administration has not been able to save as much in this respect as it had promised. But even as the account stands today the "Blue Book" would prove a failure, for the comparison would show so great a reduction as to expose the reckless extravagance of the former administration. By all means let us have the blue book. It will be quite instructive, and when the people learn the whole story as to why still more has not been saved it will not be to the credit of the compilers of the same.

#### COX MANAGING A DEPARTMENT FOR WILLIS (Editorial)

Robert F. Wolfe's Ohio State Journal, an alleged Republican newspaper, opens its account of the exposures of gross extravagance and violation of the law which created it by the Industrial Commission with this sentence, "The Willis state industrial commission, as administered by Governor Willis instead of needing \$34,000 more for additional employees, ought to be able to do its work with about \$39,000 less than it now spends."

Governor Cox by law placed two of his machine hands on this commission for terms which extend beyond that of Governor Willis, and, it being a board of but three, Cox has control of this most expensive and powerful commission. Governor Willis tried to get one of them to resign so the commission would be controlled by the governor who was elected to assume executive responsibility for the state departments. He failed.

The efficiency expert of the civil service commission after a hurried survey, pointed out wasted salaries aggregating over \$10,000 and the two Democratic members railed at it and ridiculed it.

Governor Willis has been unable to control this commission in any detail but when expert efficiency men from a New York firm, after a survey of the work of 347 employees, supported the findings of the Willis civil service commission the Cox press charges the wickedness to Willis.

Alarmed by the fact that Willis is faithfully carrying out the promises of efficiency and economy the Democratic organization has brought suit to prevent the purchase of a building to house state officials at a reduction of \$70,000 a year in rents.

Buy Ohio coal!

The Ohio troops have entrained for Wilson's war.

~~The candidates on the Republican ticket each lives with his wife. (For perusal by the editor, alone.)~~

President Wilson has put the Mexican muddle, which resulted from "Watchful Waiting" into the hands of commissioners. This body will keep it from public view till after the election

The Cox press has lamented the abolition of his agricultural commission because of the impossibility of producing a satisfactory state fair without it, but that of this year was successful beyond precedent.

Democratic ridicule and abuse of the efficiency experts who have exposed the sinecures in the Cox industrial commission cannot obscure the facts of their wrong doing.

The American people should see that it cannot happen again. The nation, which supports the railroads and pays the wages of their employees and the dividends of their shareholders, cannot afford to have differences fought out over its prostrate body. - Chicago Tribune.

An error, perhaps the most serious one, of the Ohio Democracy is in its failure to nominate for high offices men whose characters appeal to the Christian imagination. This is a fact difficult of apprehension by its present quartette of managers, Wm. L. Finley, Robert F. Wolfe, Wm. Durbin and John O'Dwyer.

It is strange that the Democratic organization should repeatedly and vociferously make the charge that "Willis won against Cox by a corrupt deal with Cincinnati wets when that charge is neither ingenious nor dependable, for the election returns show that Cox, in that city, was given 15,000 to 20,000 more votes than the Democrats on the ticket with him.



Messrs. Yaple and Duffy, the Democrats who still control the industrial commission by greed for more money to spend in salaries, precipitated an investigation of the way they had spent the \$344,000 a year given them by the legislature. The facts developed may cause their removal from office. The waste shown is unnecessary salaries was \$29,000.

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Every time Republicans in the last Congress, or early in the present one, advocated any measures increasing the size or efficiency of either the army or the navy the Democrats in congress, and editors of Democratic newspapers, charged that the Republicans are controlled by the munition-making trusts. Will they now charge that President Wilson's sudden conversion to preparedness is due to the influence of these men whom they have characterized as "greedy murderers?"

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A plausible reason for the national administration sending the Ohio guardsmen to Texas at this time is that they will be unable to vote for president.

An amendment to the recently passed army bill providing for their casting ballots while in camp in November was defeated by Democrats.

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#### DID HIS SAND SIFT?

When President Wilson saw in the newspapers notice from the German Embassy warning Americans not to sail on the Lusitania, he might have asked the German Embassy to give the reason for it. Would any one of our earlier presidents have failed to do so? Would any other president, learning the reason have failed to send a naval vessel to convoy the Lusitania?

But Wilson held Germany to "Strict Accountability" -- and forgot it.

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#### O. N. G. MONEY.

The amount of the appropriation for Ohio's National Guard was reduced by the Cox legislature so as to cripple it seriously, the appropriation to provide five new armories was repealed and those of its high officers who were Republicans were charged with incompetency and criminal dishonesty. But the charges could not be supported by facts and the unappraisable value of the heroic labors of the guard at flood-time created a public opinion which restrained the hand which was trying to wreck it.

Don't be fooled again.

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#### BAKER'S GOLDEN RULE

Speaking in Maine, the secretary of war, Mr. Baker, said of the Wilson administration:

"It has done by Mexico as we would be done by."

Do we wish a constitutional president driven from office as Huerta was? Would we like our most important custom house seized and a million dollars of its receipts carried away? Do we desire a nation to attack one of our seaports and shoot to death a hundred of its citizens? Would we tolerate an army entering our country allegedly to capture a bandit and remaining encamped for half a year?

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#### SAME OLD LOSING GAME.

The Cox press bureau under the management of Mr. Wm.L.Finley is losing patrons among the Democratic newspapers for the same reason Finley's paper, The Kenton Press, lost it -- that is by the misstatement of news facts for political effect. It is true, too, that through recklessness of statement in politics he and his partner, Mr. Durbin, Chairman of the Democratic state committee, though making joint effort, can no longer control their party in their home town of Hardin.

These gentlemen, like their master, James M. Cox, are Bourbons who can learn nothing from defeat. They are insisting in their campaign that the Cox machine building laws -- for which he was repudiated by the electorate, were what the people of Ohio needed sorely and that Cox was defeated by the voters, as he says, "in a moment of hysteria."

And too, in this campaign, as in the last, they make artful, misleading and often untruthful statements tending to belittle Governor Willis in the public esteem.

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News letter of the Ohio Republican Editorial Association, Commercial Building, Room 513, Columbus, O. Claude C. Waltermire, Correspondent.

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AS TO RUDELPH MACK  
Independent Candidate for Governor

Mr. Mack, who submitted his candidacy for the governorship to the Republicans in the primary and received eight per cent. of the votes, now announces himself a candidate against Governor Willis.

His announcement is in the form of a letter resigning official position in the Anti-Saloon League to the state superintendent of the organization, Mr. J.A. White. The reason given for his becoming a candidate reads:

"I have been acquainted with and distressed by the close working agreement between the present state administration and the worse element in Hamilton County."

This locates the "worst elements" in Cincinnati in the hilltop residence wards, for they were the only ones Willis carried and the governor had but 1,000 majority in Cincinnati while other Republican candidates had 12,000 to 25,000.

The resignation by Mack from office in the Anti-Saloon League is for newspaper use alone, his connection with that body having been severed long ago. When, to advance his interest as a candidate for the Republican primary nomination, Mack claimed connection with the League. State Superintendent White gave out a statement repudiating Mack formally. This official statement was printed by the Columbus Citizen and throughout the state, but not in the Columbus Journal and Dispatch, owned by Robert F. Wolfe.

His decision to run was given out after he, R. F. Wolfe's secret service man, Matt Glaser and a political writer for Cox, had held conferences in a room in the Neil House during four days. The intent evidently is to draw dry votes from Willis, in the interest of Cox for he is making his campaign for the governorship, as he did for the nomination, by charging that Governor Willis is allowing wholesale violation of the laws for the regulation of the liquor traffic to carry out a deal by which he got wet support in Cincinnati, in the last state election.

When the Cox newspapers printed this statement the liquor licensing board at Columbus sent eight inspectors to the city. They asked Mack to indicate saloons in which laws were being violated. He did not name one.



If President Wilson had made the bluff at preparedness two year ago when belligerents began to rifle our mails, divert our merchandise, and drown our citizens, instead of delaying it for use as a vote getter in his second campaign, would not an enormous amount of American property and many American lives have been saved?

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#### SAID THE FATHER OF THIS COUNTRY:

"There is a rank due to the United States among nations which will be withheld, if not absolutely lost, by the reputation of weakness. If we desire to avoid insult, we must be able to repel it; if we desire to secure peace, one of the most powerful instruments of our rising prosperity, it must be known that we are at all times ready for war."- George Washington,

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#### TWENTY SIX NEW \$10,000 JOBS

Congress has made reliable sinews of war for the president's campaign for reelection by creating new government positions of which the annual salaries aggregate half a million dollars. Sixteen members of three newly created commissions will draw \$10,000 a year each. If the tariff board and shipping bills pass ten more will be added at this annual wage- sounds like a story of the Cox administration, doesn't it?

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#### BOODLING A SPECIALTY

Within the memory of the oldest inhabitant no Democratic legislature has failed to produce a boodle scandal. We had the legislature bought by Bryce, that bought by Whitney, the O'Connor and Allen O'Dwyer legislatures, and later the Doc. Nye legislature, which produced the bribery cases, and the Cox legislature whose members were convicted of collecting double salaries, which were gifts from Cox for their subservience. Don't be fooled again!

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#### WET VOTES ELECTED A DRY GOVERNOR?

The serious charge most frequently made by the Democratic press bureau is that Cincinnati wets elected a dry governor in 1914. This would sadden no one if true, but it is untrue. Willis carried none but the dry hilltop wrads of that city, and was given a majority of but 1,000, while the other Republican candidates received 12,000 to 25,000.

The fact is that the electors in the heavily Democratic rural counties elected Willis by scratching Cox- they scratched him in the recent primaries, too, and will again in November. Well?

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#### A DAMAGING PHRASE

The time at which President Wilson used the words "Too proud to fight" made contemptible an expression which previously would have been only foolish. It was in his speech at Philadelphia, three days after the sinking of the Lusitania while the corpses of Americans were being washed up by the sea. It was after Germany had been notified she would "be held to strict accountability for the loss of American ships or injury to American citizens."

"Too proud to fight" now is a phrase of contempt for American used the world over. Some day it will cost us blood and treason to prove to the world that we are not too proud to fight in a righteous cause, in defense of the honor of the nation, or to protect the lives and sacred rights of American Citizens.

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There is no ancient injunction against swapping a donkey for an elephant while crossing a stream. A donkey national administration now is in deep water.

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After Governor Cox was defeated for reelection Auditor Donahy gave out this notice officially: "Hereafter bills for wine, beer, cigars and cigarettes will not be paid." Why "hereafter"?

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"At present in this world and for the immediate future, it is certain that the only way successfully to oppose the might which is the servant of wrong is by the might which is the servant of right."-T.R.

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President Wilson has told his campaign manager that he will make no speaking tour, because it is undignified for a president to do so. Having made such a tour recently he knows the injury his dignity suffered thereby.

Now he is too proud to stump. But maybe he will not be next week.

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In the legislature which passed the machine building bills of Governor Cox the leaders in the general assembly were given added salaries on the side, to secure their enactment. The Republican legislators repealed them. Would Mr. Cox pay the same price to have the same laws reenacted?

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Is it right to break a promise it would be wrong to keep? Would it not be wrong for President Wilson to keep his promise not to stand for renomination when his declining would force another to run upon the record he has made?

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The steel production of France, as shown by statistics, is now double that of a year ago. France, too, will be a competitor of America in the world's market for steel when the war is over. This is one of the facts which underscore the demand of Hughes, "American first and American efficient."

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"With a Southern-born man in the White House, one Southern man Speaker of the House of Representatives, a second majority leader in the House, and a third (Simmons of North Carolina) majority leader in the Senate, it looks somewhat as if the South had been admitted into the Union again. - Charlotte, N.C. Observer.

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The effort of the politicians of the big cities to have the general assembly elected by districts of a fixed population instead of allowing each county to elect one was championed by the then governor, Mr. Cox. Will he, if again governor, undertake to carry out this plan? To the rural voter this is important.

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In retrospect Governor Cox determined the cause of his defeat and expressed it in these words:

"We look back and reflect on what laws and policies failed to receive a suffrage endorsement in a momentary lapse of hysteria."

That's what ailed the electorate "hysteria, a momentary hysteria." That's fine. But they still have the same ailment while Cox is a candidate.

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## ELASTICITY OF DECISION

In decision President Wilson outranks any previous president—that is in the facility of decision as shown by the number of them.

First, he announced that he would let his record speak for itself. Second, he would write notes from Shadow Lawn. Third, he would speak following the route of Mr. Hughes. Fourth, he would go to speak where asked. Fifth, he would speak to the Ohio Democratic state convention before Sept. 30th. Sixth, he wouldn't.

Now his determination is—no, on last Saturday it was—to address delegations from the porch of Shadow Lawn. This shows an elasticity of determination which is quite unusual. The impious call it wobbling.

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## THE REPUBLICANS FORCED PREPAREDNESS

The New York World, the most industrious and able of the supporters of the Wilson administration made this faux pas— or something equally foolish in our language. It is an admission that Republicans, not Democrats, should be credited with what this congress has done for preparedness. This is editorial:

"Only thirty Democrats in the House of Representatives voted for the Senate bill creating a regular army of 250,000 men, and of these twelve were New Yorkers. Only twenty house Democrats voted for the Senate plan to create a national volunteer army, and eleven of these were from New York. One or both of the Senators from thirty-four of the forty-eight States are Democrats. How does it happen that a measure that passed a Democratic Senate had so little favor in a Democratic House?"

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## A HIGH POINT IN FUTILITY

Under a Washington date line Aug. 22 we learn "The American embassy in Constantinople was instructed by the state department today to make representations to the Porte in behalf of Armenians who are threatened by the Turkish advance into Persia. The representations call on the Turkish government "in the name of Humanity" not to permit any massacre of Armenians in Persia. The purpose is to forewarn Turkey against any such situation as prevailed in Asia Minor."

Will not the Sublime Porte shake inmits pointed shoes at this threat of the wrath of the richest country in the world? Will the Porte recall that America has in no way penalized it for murdering or driving into the desert to starve hundreds of thousands of Armenians living in Armenia, some of whom were citizens of the United States; that America has not protected her own citizens from robbery, rape and murder in an adjoining country?

Is the Porte afrighted?

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Mr. Mack, during the first year of the Willis administration, was attorney for the local Anti-Saloon League in Cincinnati. His important duty was the enforcement of the liquor laws. He made no cases.

Few large cities are as orderly as Cincinnati. Its police force is efficient and properly instructed to enforce the regulatory laws.

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Will Cox again advocate the short ballot?

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It isn't fine phrases that make the fine executives.

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Well, anyway, Wilson can mobilize English words splendidly.

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The administration at Washington has opened an explanation bureau.

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Mr. Cox in his two daily newspapers supports universal compulsory military service.

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Perhaps it is just as well for a country whose defenses are inadequate, to be "too proud to fight."

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Judge Hughes spent six years in study of the laws upon which our liberties are based.

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It was in Columbus at Memorial Hall that Mr. Bryan said:

"As a Democrat I pray for the day when our party will be free to deal with the questions that effect public welfare, and no longer be bribed ~~and~~ betrayed by the liquor interests."

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Our most serious danger from unpreparedness, to date, is in the unpreparedness of Woodrow Wilson for the presidency of a nation.

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What platform pledge has Democracy kept? Even "the tariff for revenue only" did not produce the needed revenue.

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On February 4th 1915, before war orders saved our manufacturers from bankruptcy, Cleveland raised \$100,000 to feed the unemployed. Don't be fooled again. The war will not last always.



News letter of The Ohio Republican Editorial Association-Room  
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By Claude C. Waltermire

Columbus, Ohio, \_\_\_\_.-The effort of Governor Willis, protracted and arduous, to force the Cox hold-over industrial commission to stop its extravagant wastefulness, may now be rewarded by practical results, for the two Democratic commissioners, who are the majority in that body, will hardly give affront to public opinion by holding their positions after the exposure by Ernst & Ernst, the best known firm of experts in the United States, of a loss of \$50,000 a year from failure to comply with the law and from the continuance of needless Democratic employes.

The fight by the governor to gain control of this commission, for whose acts he is held responsible has been sustained throughout his administration. Governor Cox by appointments under the industrial commission law, as changed by him, secured control of this most powerful of administrative departments throughout the two years in which Willis is governor, by making Yaple and Duffy its long-term members.

Soon after his inauguration Gov. Willis in a formal letter asking the resignations of these two Democrats recited the cogent reasons for a governor having control of the departments which constitute his administration, that had been used by Governor Harmon in a message to the legislature when asking the enactment of a law making the terms of the heads of executive departments and synchronously with that of the governor. Yaple, and Duffy, too, replied to this request, after conference with Mr. Wm.L. Finley, by defying and insulting the governor in newspaper interviews.

During the session of the legislature the Howard committee to stop waste in state departments, asked the efficiency division of the civil service commission to survey this commission. It being late in the session there was time for but a partial report, but this caused a reduction of over \$10,000 from the amount of appropriation asked by the industrial commission.

Subsequently, this commission asked from the emergency board an additional appropriation of \$39,000 to pay salaries of new positions they desired to create. The emergency board is composed of the chairman of the finance committee of the house, the auditor of state, the attorney general and the governor who is chairman.

Governor Willis then asked the civil service commission to make a complete investigation - it took two months to trace every kind paper handled, study the work of 347 employes and outline an organization which would cut out the duplicating of work and the sinecures.

The report of the efficiency department to Governor Willis showed where savings aggregating \$50,000 should be made by compliance with a law which continuously had been violated.

This law enacted in 1913 required the consolidation of the divisions of workshops & factories, steam engineers, mines and boiler inspection. To have complied with it would have cost many very desirable political jobs.

Referring to this report commissioner Yaple told the newswriters he "saw no merit in it and would mash it flat." The Democratic majority of the commission having disputed the facts of the report, Chairman Campbell of the civil service commission asked the governor to invite three of the ablest business executives in the state, E.A. Deeds, President of The Delco Company, Dayton; S. P. Bush, President and General Manager of the Buckeye Steel Castings Company, Columbus; and Hon. Wm. Cooper Proctor of the Proctor & Gamble Co., Cincinnati, to investigate this department.

These gentlemen after investigation advised that Ernst & Ernst, a firm of Cleveland efficiency experts be employed. They were, and after three weeks' study of the industrial commission's work made a report which supports that of the civil service commission.

To break the force of this report by the most eminent experts the Cox press in headlines asserts, "\$39,000 is Wasted by Willis Board, Accountants Find Lack of Economy in the Industrial Commission. Sweeping Changes in Organization of Subdepartments are Recommended."

The falsehoods in this heading are supported by falsehoods in the story under it.

It is a Cox board and Willis, being unable to change it, has made continuous, and, till now, unsuccessful effort to get Duffy and Yaple to obey law or to become businesslike.



Up to the present time the Cox-Finley-Wolfe wing of the Democratic party in Ohio has not put forth a single issue upon which to base any claim for the re-election of James M. Cox as Governor of Ohio. Their arguments have all been in the nature of criticism and malicious misrepresentation. They have not dared to draw a fair comparison between the former and the present administration. On the one hand is to be found the "by and with the consent of Cox" form of government and on the other, government by the people. The parallel is deadly to the ambitions of the triumvirate.

The Wolfe newspapers in Columbus have not even made an attempt to be fair with the Willis administration. Every item of news is garbled for the purpose of misleading honest voters. The name of Governor Willis is not mentioned in either the Ohio State Journal or the Columbus Dispatch without a slur. The dignity of the office of Governor has been dragged through the mire of dirty journalism. The chief executive has been libeled, vilified and slandered, because the people of Ohio did not see fit to return to power the boon companion of the owners of these two papers. The people of Ohio have been insulted because of their choice two years ago. And this has been the extent of the campaign issues thus far.

Mr. Cox was asked some time ago by a Columbus newspaper what he would do if reelected and his reply was that he would return to "progressive government". If Mr. Cox's answer means a returning to the program he pursued, the people of Ohio, taking his answer literally can expect to see Bob Wolfe again dictating patronage for his satellites; another Emory Latanner at the head of the banking department, paying fat salaries to two score Democratic lawyers out of the funds of wrecked financial institutions, for their loyalty to the Dayton autocrat. They can expect the re-enactment of the Warnes law to take the taxing machinery of the state out of their hands and place it in the hands of the Cox-Wolfe-Finley triumvirate. They can expect to see William L. Finley's O.K. on vouchers on the state treasury.

On the other hand, if Governor Willis is re-elected, they can expect to see the continuation of the election of taxing officials, the abolition of useless jobs and the cutting down of the state's expenses. They may expect to see the canals of the state kept on a paying basis and not used as a means of paying political debts of the Governor. They may expect to see an administration demanding and getting efficiency and economy in every department. They may expect to see the Workmen's Compensation law guarded and strengthened. In short, the continuation of the present administration means the safeguarding of the interests of Ohio and her people and not the looting of the public till.

It behooves the voters of Ohio to think well this fall. There is danger in turning over your public institutions, your taxing machinery, and your political liberty to any class of men who use them for and to consent of themselves.

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New letter of the Ohio Republican Editorial Association --  
Commercial Building, -- Columbus, Ohio.

When James M. Cox was Governor of Ohio, he not only was neutral to the proposition of passing a "Loan - Shark" bill, but he was opposed to it. Now that the bill has been passed by a Republican administration under Governor Willis, and the law has made good in protecting thousands of Ohio's citizens, the Cox press bureau wants to take the credit. Just how much the Cox legislature and Cox himself had to do with it is found in the following letter written by a newspaper man who had more to do with the framing of the bill under the present administration than any other connected with it:

"It has just come to my notice that former Governor Cox is trying to claim credit for the Anti-Loan Shark Law. As you probably know, Hugh Huntington and I were the originators of the Anti-Loan Shark movement. You may or may not know that it was former Governor Cox who really blocked our efforts to get our proposal before the special session of the Assembly.

"In this Cox was not only neutral but decidedly unfriendly. It was Governor Willis and the Republican Assembly that helped us out.

"I think that in all justice this situation ought to be given publicity. I think that some of the newspapers men already know that Governor Cox held up our whole movement for a year.

"If it is true that he is trying to claim credit for the law now, his position is absolutely unpardonable."

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There is no objection to any man entering the primary for delegate to the National or any other convention. That is the intent and purpose of the primary law. The voter, however, should reserve the right to inquire into the motives of those who enter any of the primary contests. For instance, the voter should know who the men are who are commercializing their Republicanism. There are certain forces at work in Ohio to not only make trouble for the present state administration, but to disrupt the Republican party. This is being done under the guise that the candidates are using their right as citizens to seek political preferment. It will be well for the Republicans of Ohio to look well into the scheme which was hatched in the Neil House in Columbus during the night, by Charles Gerrish and several other discredited politicians. Gerrish is the same fellow who signed that famous Standard Oil affidavit against Governor Willis before the last election. Willis nailed it the next day after it came to the public and he discredited everyman who was connected with it. The candidates Gerrish has placed before the approval of Republicans for delegates to the National convention are Matt Glaser of Cincinnati and S. O. Griffin of Columbus. Bob Wolfe of Columbus is closely allied with Gerrish and is the bosom "pal" of former Governor Cox, who secured a \$12,000 a year federal job for Wolfe's brother.

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There is no objection to the number of candidates who enter the primary for any office, but the motives of the men who enter ought to be sought out and weighed. We have had too many light weights who have been able to ship thru.

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## OPPONENTS OF WILLIS.

The Cleveland Leader, in commenting upon the opposition to Governor Willis on the part of the Democratic press of Ohio, and the rumors which they are putting forth to the effect that he is being opposed in his own party for renomination, says:

"No doubt Mr. Willis has had occasion to go counter to the wishes of some citizens. He could scarcely be a good governor if he did not. His administration, of course, has been successful and satisfactory to date, as disinterested and well-informed Ohioans are aware. But it may be well enough to bear in mind that the newspapers endeavoring to foster a contrary belief are Democratic organs and that the individuals mentioned as self-constituted candidates for the Republican nomination in opposition to the Governor are apparently actuated by no other motive or greater hope than the acquirement of a little inexpensive notoriety."

It will be remembered by those who have read the newspapers opposed to Mr. Willis that Mr. Cline of Cleveland, was mentioned as one of those who was willing to don the toga of governor to succeed Mr. Willis and the above would indicate that there is no truth in the claim. Reports from other sections of the state are on a par with that about Cline. --- Newark American Tribune.

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## REAL STATESMANSHIP.

If Governor Willis persists in his wise determination to inaugurate efficiency methods in the State's public service outlined Wednesday he will accomplish a measure of constructive statesmanship which should endear him to all patriotic Ohioans. One of the potent curses of American government from the township to the national administration at Washington is the tendency to consider public office a reward for political services and to regard it as a royal highway to "easy money"

As a result offices and clerical positions are multiplied beyond all reason, and a position, once established, seldom is abolished save as a measure of revenge against a political opponent who cannot otherwise be disposed of in the kaleidoscopic changes incident to our form of government.

Governor Willis is perfectly justified in demanding that all employees of the State shall work full hours. If the duties to be performed are so light as to make the posts sinecures it might be possible to abolish a few jobs, even though the process might prove painful to the individuals who would be forced into a field of competition where real work would be a necessary antecedent of signing a pay-roll.

The State's Executive won't popularize himself with the tax spending cult by his heroic effort to inculcate business methods into the service of the State, but his action ought to make a hit with the taxpayers, and the 1914 election clearly showed there are more of the latter than the former, even when an army of 10,000 jobholders had been named with the "advice and consent" of the then Governor.

--- Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

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## CARE IN CHOOSING MEN.

A string of recommendations is not always the surest guarantee that a man is right for a place or capable of taking care of a position. The danger of choosing the wrong man in business is bad enough but the danger of selecting the wrong man in political places is worse. Naturally every man elected to office is indebted to certain fellows for help in putting him there. Naturally the man after election, feels kindly to those who were friendly to him in his canvass. But he can't always reward the fellows he would like to reward, and some times a man who has been a valued helper in a campaign either asks unreasonable things for himself or recommends friends for places which the executive head cannot see his way to favor.

When Mr. Taft was president he is reported to have said that it seemed to him the principle duty of the president of the United States was in deciding between various candidates for minor offices. In a private interview he said he had given more time to satisfy the claims of politicians than the positions sought were worth. He found public patronage a detriment to executive efficiency.

Governor Willis has been confronted with the same laborious task of choosing between men for various positions. His selection has some times been without regard to the endorsements of those to whom he was indebted, but more especially with reference to the fitness of the man to hold the place. Many friends have sought places for themselves or for their friends when the governor could not approve the candidate and failed to sanction some men to whom he was indebted. In this way he has caused some disappointments and some men who expect to use the governor for personal ends have been loud in their criticism of his lack of loyalty to those who had helped him.

In choosing a member of the State board of administration he made one of the best selections possible. There are many who will believe in choosing Dr. Rorick for this place he has improved both the personelle and efficiency of the board of administration.

Dr. E. H. Rorick is recognized as one of the best men for the head of the board that could be found in the entire United States. He seems especially equipped for the work he has to do. One of the very best friends of Governor Willis was a candidate for that same appointment and Mr. Willis would have been glad to have chosen that friend for a place to which he aspired. But instead of choosing that friend he chose a man whose efficiency was recognized and whose experience was such as to insure unusual and excellent service to the state. Ohio is paying some pretty big salaries to men for heading boards and Commissions and it is necessary that in choosing men to all these places the appointee must be capable of earning that salary.

In many cases Governor Willis has distinguished between friends he would like to appoint and men who were better equipped for the work. We have heard something of ingratitude from the disappointed friends but the governor has felt he has served the state as his oath of office requires he should. This is not a spectacular performance, but a real recognition of the worth of men and their equipment for earning salaries- and serving faithfully the state.-- Bucyrus Telegraph,



-Can a Republic endure the crises of a great war? The answer is - "France".

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The Democratic representatives in congress staved off the vote to test their patriotism.

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The Democratic majority in congress can correctly be characterized by the single word incompetent.

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No previous Democratic national administration has so persistently damaged Americans in their esteem of the world.

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Of what folly is the Democratic party not capable?

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Patriotism always stands in with the government- Marion Star.

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While the existing crisis is dangerous to the nation, it will prove fatal to the party in power.

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The dominance of the Democratic politicians in this country is a menace to liberty because of their incompetency.

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If the American congress can amend international law, there is no international law.

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If the countries of the Western Hemisphere can not maintain international law, then, is Christian civilization proved a failure.

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The New York Tribune cartoonist depicts Mr. Bryan as a great peace dove flying toward the dome of the National capital with an ax in its bill.

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The Democrats in Congress dodged the issue by tabling the Gore resolution which instructed the president to abandon American citizens on the high seas.

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The party which demanded of the president that he give notice to American citizens that their government would not protect them, if on the seas, it is the party which in 1864 in national congress assembled declared the war to preserve the Union a failure.

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Those dreaming of citizenship of the world through the brotherhood of man, recently have been awakened, rudely. In Germany and France instantly and in England slowly, patriotism put an end to the propaganda of socialism.

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In the translation of the last mayor of Cleveland, Mr. Newton D. Baker to a higher sphere of useful activity as member for war in a cabinet, in which his high quality of mentality will make at once at home. Ohio loses her leading Single Taxer, the Sixth City her insistent reformer and the newly-made citizen his affectionate friend "Newtie Da Bake"

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